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Newsletters of the Long Beach Stamp Club published almost every month throughout the year. Meetings are usually on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of **MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, 2800 SNOWDEN AVENUE, IN LONG BEACH, CA**. Visitors are always welcome. Address dues, payments, and correspondence to the Club at Box 90042, Long Beach, CA 90809-0042 or our website [www.LongBeachStampClub.com](http://www.LongBeachStampClub.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

**A**LL meeting dates include a combination auction and bid board. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

### 2012

**JUNE 5\* & 19\***

**JULY 3\* & 17\***

**AUGUST 7\* & 21\***

**SEPT. 4 & 18 TBA**

**OCTOBER 2 & 16**

**NOVEMBER 6 & 20**

**DECEMBER 4- XMAS PARTY**

### 2013

**JANUARY 8 & 22**

**{22 IS ANNUAL DINNER}**

**\*THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM, 2219 W. ORANGE AVENUE, ANAHEIM, CA**



## STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

**S**TEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on June 17, 2012 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

## LOBEX STAMP EXPO

**L**OBEX STAMP EXPO will be held on May 31 – June 2, 2012 at the Long Beach Convention Center located at 300 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm – and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6 for all three days.

## ORANGE COUNTY PHILATELIC SERVICE

**O**CPS will hold their Semi-Annual Sale and Auction on June 24, 2012 at Villa Park, CA from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Parking is Free.

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**T**HERE were no winners for May, so the prize for our first meeting in June will be \$30.00.

## STAMP QUIZ FOR JUNE

**W**HICH of these stamp – issuing entities is the smallest member state recognized by the United Nations?

- a. Monaco
- b. Nauru
- c. Tuvalu
- d. Vatican City

If you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can e-mail your answer to [leb\\_dorbaumann1@verizon.net](mailto:leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net).

{Answers must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.}

## CAPT. GUNTHER LUTJENS

### COMMEMORATED ON 1935 NAVAL COVER

THE first thing that catches the eye on the 1935 cover of Capt. Gunther Lutjens is the 1934 imperforate 3¢ Mount Rainier stamp (Scott 750a) from the souvenir sheet issued for the American Philatelic Society convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

For those with an interest in World War II or naval history that is a name that rings a rather loud bell.

The cover connection is clear enough. The German navy's light cruiser *Karlsruhe* launched in 1927 was used as a training ship in the mid-1930's and visited San Francisco in the course of its travels.

Lutjens was appointed the ship's commanding officer in 1933 and in 1935 was reassigned, becoming chief of the officer personnel branch at German naval headquarters.

Six years later, Lutjens was the admiral commanding all of Germany's battleships, which at that time were being used in tandem with U-boats to harass and disrupt Allied shipping.

In May 1941, the *Bismark* (Lutjens' flagship) and *Prince Eugen* were on their way to deployment in the Atlantic when they were located by British warships.

During the brief Battle of Denmark Strait, Lutjen's ships sank the British battleship *Hood*, with heavy loss of life.

This, however, was the beginning of the end for the *Bismark*, which was damaged in the action. The British tracked the *Bismark* for two days and were finally able to use torpedo aircraft to further cripple the ship. On the morning of May 27, 1941, British warships did further damage.

Rather than risk being captured, the order was given to scuttle and then abandon ship. It is likely that Lutjens was already dead by that time, killed by a 14-inch gun salvo fired by the *King George V* that destroyed the bridge of the *Bismark*.

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### ANSWER TO MAY'S STAMP QUIZ

THIS famous Diplomat is: [RALPH BUNCHE](#)

The stamp honoring BUNCHE is: [Scott 1860](#)

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

A.J. MANKER

GUY BELL

NICHOLAS BRAUN

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## STAMP OF THE MONTH

JAPAN – In 1953 – 1954, Japan issued a 10-yen Goddess Kannon stamp (Scott 580) with a redrawn design based on a similar stamp issued in 1951.

The stamps were issued in two different varieties of booklets. One type of booklet was issued in honor of Philatelic Week in 1954.

The other booklet was not issued to commemorate anything. Panes from the Philatelic Week booklet (Scott 580a) can be distinguished from panes from the other booklet (580b) by the inscriptions on the labels.

The inscriptions on the labels on Scott 580a are arranged in two columns of boldface characters. On 580b, the left-hand label inscriptions are arranged in three columns of mixed heavy and thin characters.

The Scott standard catalog values the mint pane from the second booklet (Scott 580b) at \$67.50. This is a good price for the intact booklet, and you should buy it if you see it offered at this price.

Make sure that you buy the intact booklet and not just the pane, as all the demand is for the booklet.

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### THE SAGUENAY FJORD

THE SAGUENAY FJORD allows the waters from the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Saint-Lawrence to flow into the heart of the Saguenay Kingdom. It drains the water of a catchment basin that covers 88,000 km and is 550 kilometers long.

This arm of the sea originates at the centre of Quebec and in the northern forest east of Canada. It is unique in the world by its geographic location, the fantastic history and the distribution of the population that settled along the entire length of its shores.

The purpose of this site is to allow the public to discover and appreciate the natural miracle of the Saguenay Fjord. Here, you will find themes that reveal the uniqueness of its location and human occupation, as well as its exceptional size, fauna and marine intrusion.

**Beluga Whales** — the best opportunity to see the beautiful Beluga Whales is at approximately 7 a.m. at the entrance of the Saguenay Fjord, and at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the exit. This is the only other common area of sightings outside the Antarctica.

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