



# BELLVILLE

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### MINUTES

## JANUARY 2020 MEETING

### PREVIOUS

#### 8 JANUARY 2020

#### ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP

A warm welcome to our two new members, Theo Moster and Michiel Moll.

There were two entries for the letter "H". Congratulations to Reanie de Villiers on her page on "The Hindenberg Disaster".

Only one society member is planning to exhibit at the Virtual and PE Stamp Shows this year:

Diederik Viljoen – 2 entries for Virtual and 1 entry for PE.

Bellville will also be entering our Transporation One Frame for the Virtual Stamp Show.

We received one entry for the 8 Page Cup:

Stan Rowland – Alphabetical Birds – A – L

Congratulations!

The following members brought items of interest for the All Member's Night:

Diederik Viljoen – Dead Countries – 1849 – 1860

Reinder Nauta – 2019 SA Issues

Reanie de Villiers – A book with photo reprints – Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book (Photographs from my camera)

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**Thank you to everyone who has already paid their subs.**

### FORTHCOMING

#### 12 FEBRUARY 2020 – 18:30 DUE TO LOADSHEDDING

#### AGM, CUPS, ONE PAGE & LIB CASE

We have our annual election of our One Page winner for the year. A list of all the winners of the monthly One Page exhibits is listed below. The One Page exhibitors must please bring their respective exhibitions along to the meeting – if you are not there or do not have your exhibits, you will not be able to be judged for the respective cups. The winners of the various cups will receive their cup and certificates, as well as certificates for all participating members. Our AGM and election of committee members will also be part of the proceedings.

The following members must please bring along their winning One Page entries:

March 2019	Not held	-
April 2019	"A"	Reanie de Villiers (Alice in Wonderland)
May 2019	"B"	Ida Potgieter (Bathing Bells)
June 2019	"C"	Colleen Potgieter (Chess)
July 2019	"D"	Diederik Viljoen (D – an introduction to DIEDERIK)
August 2019	"E"	Michael Wigmore (Entertainment)
September 2019	Not held	-
October 2019	"F"	Ida Potgieter (Foxy Folklore & Fables)
November 2019	"G"	Ida Potgieter (Gold ... as in ... )
December 2019	Not held	-
January 2020	"H"	Reanie de Villiers (The Hinderberg Disaster)
February 2020	"I"	Will be elected at the Feb meeting

#### 11 MARCH 2020

#### AUCTION

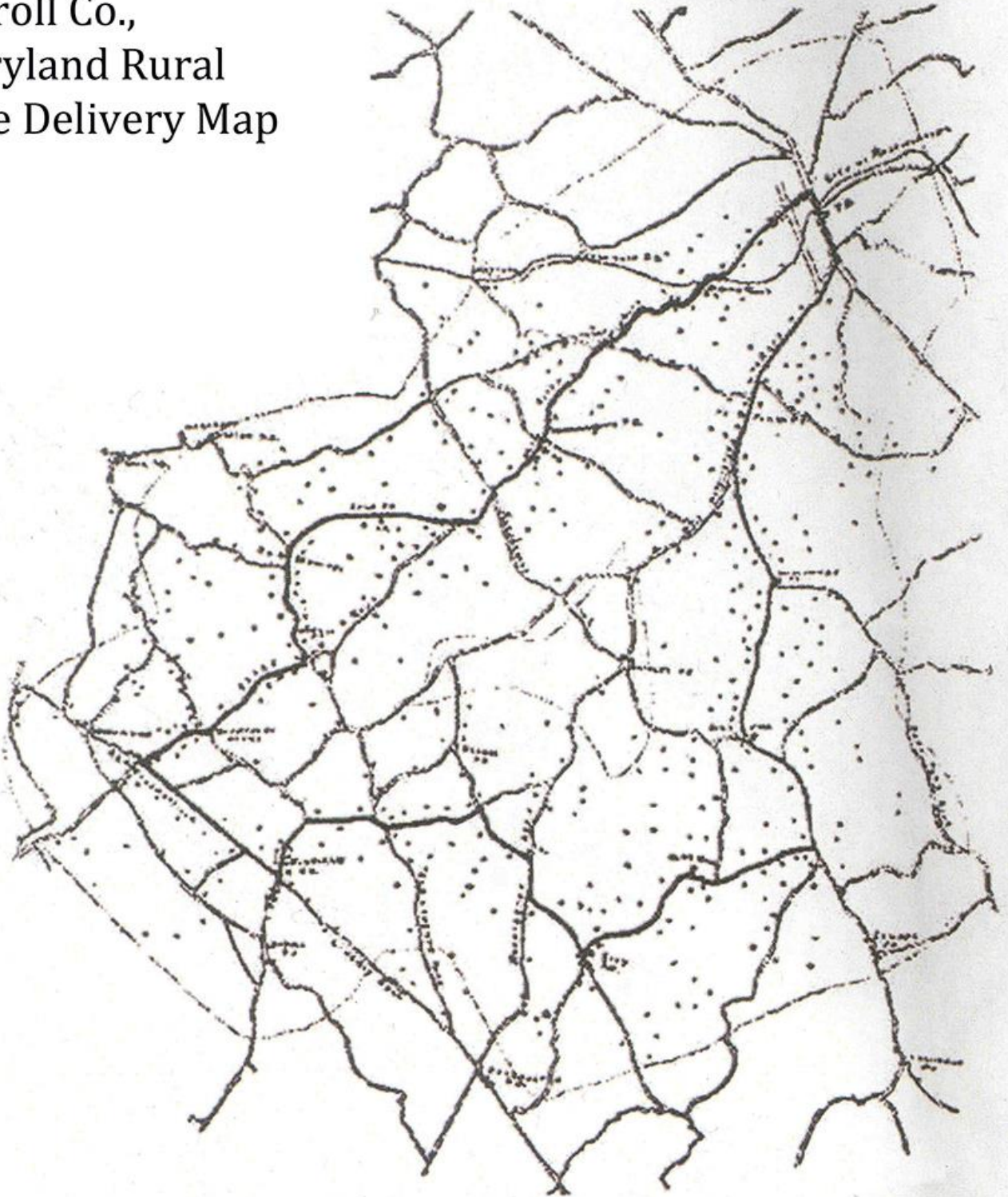
We have received some items for an Auction and have scheduled it for the March 2020 meeting. A catalogue will be distributed to all members as soon as it is available.

# Behind the Badge

## Rural Free Delivery

[<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibits/current/behind-the-badge.html>]

Carroll Co.,  
Maryland Rural  
Free Delivery Map



***Map of the first Rural Free Delivery route organized on a county-wide basis.  
The route was in Carroll County, Maryland.***

Rural Free Delivery (RFD) was established on an experimental basis in 1896. In 1902, it became an official part of the Post Office Department's services. Postal inspectors were critical to the service's success. The Department assigned inspectors temporary duty as "special agents," a term that had been synonymous with



postal inspectors in the mid-19th century, responsible for determining the practicality and even design of RFD routes in areas under consideration for the new service. A number of factors went into an inspector's decision, such as creating routes so that carriers did not end up using the same road twice in the same day, each route had to reach at least 100 families, and the roads had to be passible throughout the year.

When agents had made their determinations, they would send their notes and route maps back to Department headquarters in Washington, DC, where the final decision was made on granting the route. Getting a route started did not end an inspector's duties. They inspected the routes twice a year to make sure that everything (carriers, mailboxes, and roads) met the Department's specifications. As Postal Laws and Regulations Applicable to the Rural Mail Service noted in 1915, "Postmasters, clerks, employees, contractors, and others associated with the postal service are subordinate to post-office inspectors."



***Photograph of a family in Westminster, Maryland, receiving mail on the first day of Rural Free Delivery service in Carroll county.***

Through the second half of the 19th century and well into the 20th, the Post Office Department was more than just the nation's primary communication medium. It was also a political patronage machine. Parties in power nationally often took advantage of the breadth and depth of the Post Office Department to name political friends to postal jobs. Maneuvering through the RFD route assignments was a difficult job made trickier by superiors in Washington, DC, pushing for one route over another as a "thank you" to local political supporters.

Locals anxious to be added to a RFD route were excited at the arrival of the inspectors in their towns. Newspapers often noted such arrivals. Once in the area, inspectors could find themselves inundated with leaders from neighboring communities that wished to be included on new routes.

Our Mail at Sterlingworth,  
Lauderdale Lakes, near  
Elkhorn, Wis.



*Postcard captioned, "Our Mail at Sterlingworth, Lauderdale Lakes, near Elkhorn, Wis."  
The image shows rural patrons crowding a Rural Free Delivery wagon, hoping for mail.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Chuck	Muller	1 January
Tony	Olckers	4 January
Herwig	Kussing	1 February
Werner	Barnard	5 February
Colleen	Potgieter	10 February
John	Reeves	15 February
Stan	Rowland	01 March
Alan	Hugill	19 March
Reinder	Nauta	25 March
Michiel	Moll	02 May
Alwyn	Du Toit	03 May
Anne Marie	Wigmore	13 May
Niel	Matthee	16 May
Gert	Strydom	27 May

# SUBS FOR 2020

Federation Fee 2020:	R 70 (for Electronic SA Philatelist option)
Society Fee 2020:	R 100 (same amount payable by non-home members)
Juniors:	Free
<b>Total Membership Fee 2020:</b>	<b>R 170</b> (for Electronic SA Philatelist option)
Additional for Printed SA Philatelist:	R 180

*Current member discounts have been communicated via email. Please request the details if you are unsure.*

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## Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

THE ROYAL	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>MARCH 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>APRIL 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>MAY 2020</b>	Information not available
STELLENBOSCH	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Societé, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>MARCH 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>APRIL 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>MAY 2020</b>	Information not available
PAARL	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>MARCH 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>APRIL 2020</b>	Information not available
<b>MAY 2020</b>	Information not available
PINELANDS	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library</b>
<b>26 FEBRUARY 2020</b>	Workshops: peel / stick demo, rust removal, U/V light, PC write-up, etc
<b>25 MARCH 2020</b>	Main: Vintage Philatelic items; Other: Bourse
<b>29 APRIL 2020</b>	Auction
<b>27 MAY 2020</b>	Brian F: British Army SA; Marilyn &/or Martin: Voluntary
FISH HOEK	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek</b>
<b>4 FEBRUARY 2020</b>	Thematic Evening Competition, max 14 pages.
<b>3 MARCH 2020</b>	AGM & discussions plus small invited exhibits.
<b>7 APRIL 2020</b>	Volker Janssen will show his new collection of "Bremen".
<b>5 MAY 2020</b>	Commonwealth Evening for all members to show on max 14 pages.
CAPE STAMP FAIR (NEW VENUE) & AUCTION (OLD VENUE)	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Fair: First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bellville Valley DRC Hall, c/o Postma &amp; St Andrews Streets, Bellville</b> <b>Auction: From 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R.Church, c/o Boland Way &amp; Protea Way, Durbanville</b>
<b>STAMP FAIRS</b>	<b>Stamp Fair dates for 2020 are:</b> January 11th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, May 9th, June 6th, July 18th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th. (All on 1st Saturday of the month except January, May & July).
<b>LIVE AUCTIONS</b>	Live Auction dates for 2020 are: 29th January, 1st February, March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th & November 21st
<b>THEMATICS, WESTERN CAPE</b>	Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30– 10:30



## PROGRAM 2019

MONTH	SUBJECT	TEA DUTY	ONE PAGE
9 JAN 2019	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	A HUGILL A HORSTMANN	SPACE
13 FEB 2019	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	N SMITH AM & M WIGMORE	POLITICS
28 FEB 2019	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
13 MAR 2019	AUCTION	M & J REEVES D CROUKAMP K LOUWRENS	---
10 APR 2019	BELLVILLE EVENING AFRICA CUP	C MULLER N MATTHEE	"A"
15 MAY 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY	LADIES CUP	C POTGIETER G COMINS R LOO	"B"
12 JUNE 2019	THEMATICS & OPEN CUPS	S ROWLAND H MULDER	"C"
10 JULY 2019	REST OF THE WORLD CUP	D VILJOEN W BARNARD	"D"
12 AUG 2019	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
14 AUG 2019	ONE FRAME CUP	J BEZUIDENHOUT A HORSTMANN	"E"
2 SEP 2019	SAVPEX 2019	BENONI	
3 SEP 2019	INTERCLUB SOCIAL	STELLENBOSCH	
4 – 7 SEP 2019	EAST RAND 100 STAMP FAIR	BENONI	
6 SEP 2019	CONGRESS	BENONI	
9 SEP 2019	QUIZ EVENING	THE ROYAL	20:00
11 SEP 2019	AUCTION	S LIGHT J POTTER A HUGILL	---
9 OCT 2019	ROUND TABLE	R DE VILLIERS AM & M WIGMORE	"F"
13 NOV 2019	VISITORS : DAVID WOLPE	R HARM C MULLER	"G"
4 DEC 2019	PRESIDENT'S EVENING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
8 JAN 2020	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY N SMITH	"H"
12 FEB 2020	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	R LOO C MULLER	"I"
11 MAR 2020	AUCTION	E STOCKENSTROM J DU PLESSIS T OLCKERS	---

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Meeting Details: Bellville Library Auditorium, Charl van Aswegen Road, Bellville, 19h00