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NEW ISSUE NEWS



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"Ole Time Mas"

Official First Day Cover

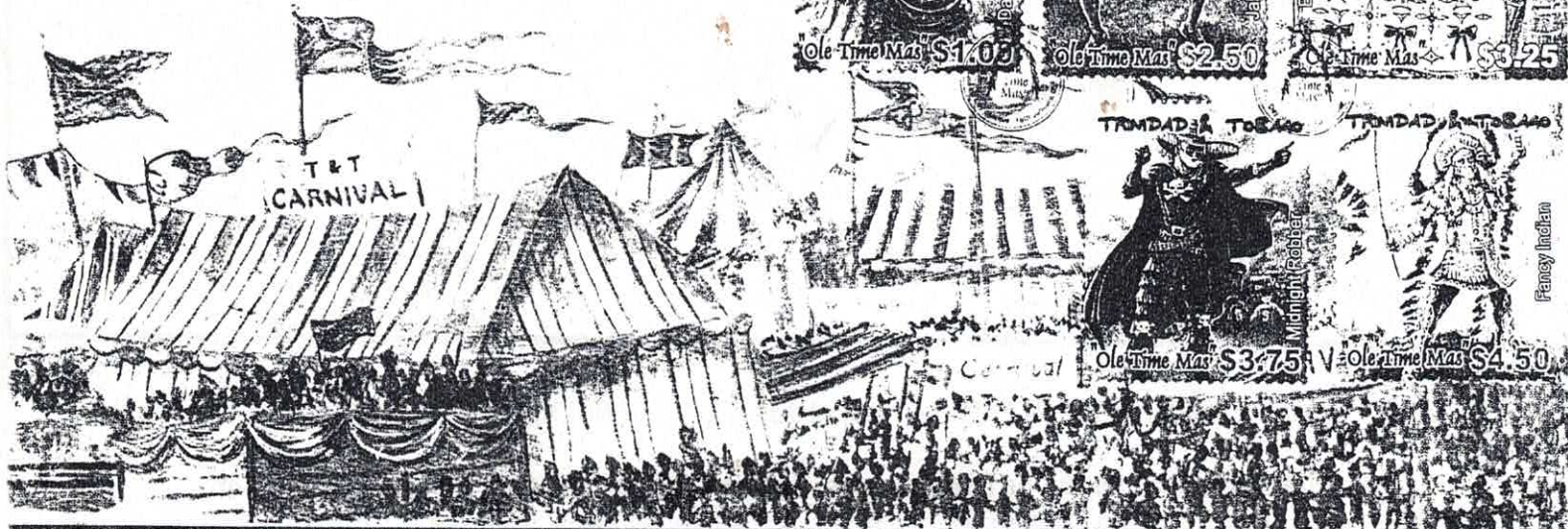


Fig. 1: OLE TIME MAS FDC

The first issue released for this year was "Ole Time Mas" on the 18th January. The issue consisted of five stamps featuring Carnival characters: \$ 1.00 - Dame Lorraine; \$ 2.50 - Jab Jab; \$ 3.25 - Burrokeet; \$ 3.75 - Midnight Robber; \$ 4.50 - Fancy Indian. A souvenir sheet was produced which featured many carnival characters with one stamp depicting a Fancy Sailor \$ 15.00 denomination.

The stamps were printed by Cartor Security Printing, France. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The stamps were reproductions of paintings by Hayden Geeawan. The FDC's were sold at \$ 19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheet at \$ 15.00 each. A brochure was produced for the issue.

On the 23rd February, TTPost released a commemorative cover for Rotary International's centenary 1905-2005. Affixed to the cover was one \$ 5.25 stamp of the 2003 Island Paradise issue. The pictorial cancellation featured the Rotary International logo and stated "First Day of issue - 23rd February 2005". The commemorative cover was sold at \$ 19.00 each. A brochure was supplied with the cover.

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Fig. 2: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 1905-2005 COMMEMORATIVE COVER

The third issue released was ' World Record 400 Brian Lara ' on the 12th April. The issue consisted of five stamps all featuring various photographs of Brian Lara - \$ 1, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.75, \$ 4.50 and \$ 5.25. A souvenir sheet was produced which featured a " Guard of Honour for the Prince of Port of Spain " with one stamp of \$ 15 denomination.

The stamps were printed by Cartor Security Printing, France. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The FDC's were sold at \$ 20.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$ 15.00 each. A brochure was produced for the issue.

Brian Lara was the first to reclaim the World Test Cricket record for batting with a score of 400 runs not out. This achievement took place at St. John's, Antigua on the 12th April 2004.

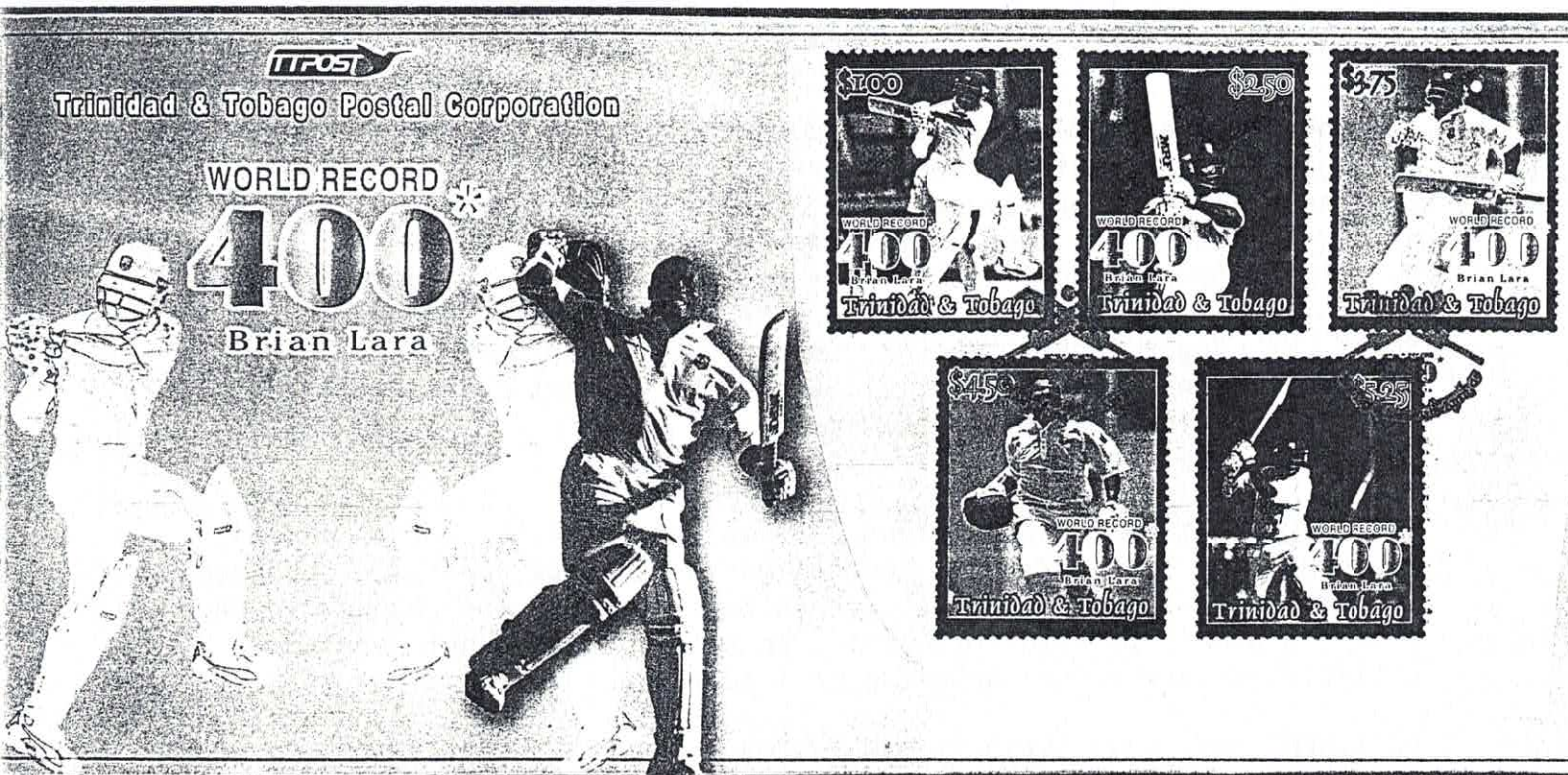


Fig. 3: World Record 400 Brian Lara FDC

Below is the tentative Stamp Programme for the balance of 2005:

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| # 4) May | - | Coastal Dreamscape \$ 10 Stamp Booklet |
| # 5) June | - | New Definitive issue - Local Herbal Medicines |
| # 6) June | - | Sir Solomon Hochoy |
| # 7) July | - | Tobago Heritage Festival |
| # 8) August | - | 50th Anniversary of the Women's Police Association - Souvenir Sheet only |
| # 9) September | - | Anansi - the spider |
| # 10) October | - | Children against Cancer - No Smoking! |
| # 11) November | - | Christmas 2005 - Hing Wan paintings |

If one does not have a complete set of the current Vanishing Faces definitive, we recommend that you buy it before the new definitive is released. The old definitives may be withdrawn when the new one is released.

REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 9th February at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were seven members. The returning officer was Mr. Albert Sydney. The results of the election of officers are: President - Mr. John Chay, Vice-Presidents - Mr. Jazad Ali and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary - Mr. Robert Franco; Treasurer - Vacant; the four Committee Members - Mr. Motilal Dass, Ms. Marjorie Smith, Mr. Roger Edghill and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Daryl Bleasdell; Hon. Auditor - Mr. G. Sancho. Mr. Albert Sydney will act as Treasurer until the post is filled.

Here is a directory of club services:

HON. SECRETARY: Mr. Robert Franco, 33 Verbena Road, Victoria Gardens, Diego Martin, Tel: 637-3603. General correspondence, change of address and new issue standing orders. Please make payments for the new issue standing orders payable to Robert Franco. If you have not received a bulletin, please inform Robert e-mail address: *virgo@tsstt.net.tt*

PRESIDENT: Mr. John Chay, P.O. Box 596, P.O.S. Tel: 622-1673. Sale of accessories, i.e. stockbooks, albums, mounts,, etc. Bulletin Editor. Fax: (868) 632-2759.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Jazad Ali. His e-mail address is *anj@carib-link.net*

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Albert Sydney. If you have any ideas for new stamp issues, please send them to Albert. Please note that the stamp programme is planned as far as a year or two in advance.

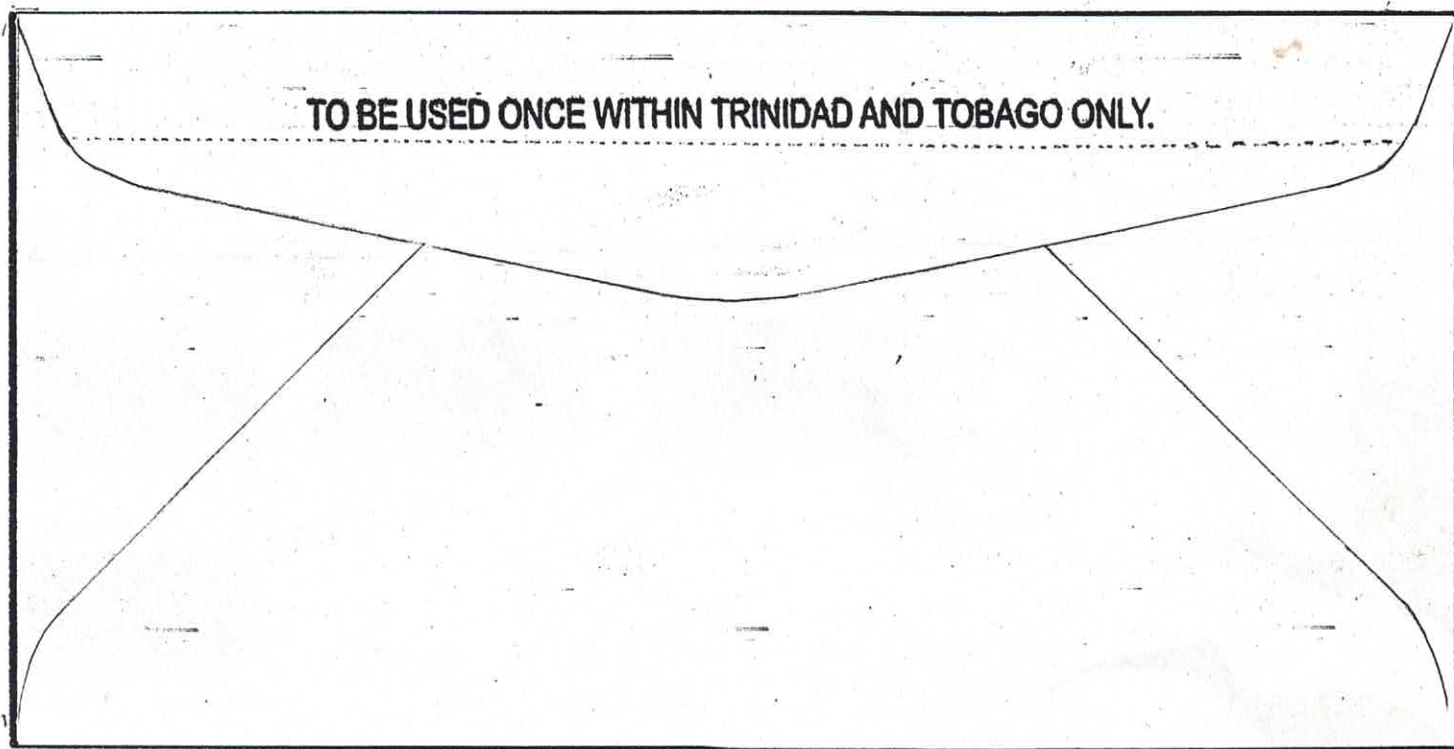
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Please remember that our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start now at 6pm and not 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

OBITUARY

Dr. Lloyd George passed away in January. He was the husband of Noreen George. Noreen is one (of the few) who does a great deal of the Society's work. Although he was not a collector, he was an extremely important supporter. He brought Noreen to our Port of Spain meetings every month for as long as the Editor can remember (much more than twenty years). Since they lived in La Romain, it was a long trip at night. When there were South meetings, some were held at their home. Whenever we had exhibitions, Lloyd would help to set up and take down the exhibits and frames. He would also bring Noreen on most days to stay at the exhibitions. He will be sorely missed by our members. Our most sincere condolences to Noreen and family.

POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE - REPRINTS

BACK OF SMALL PREPAID ENVELOPE WITH WINDOW

The small prepaid envelope with the window which was described and illustrated in Bulletin # 215 pages 4 and 5 is now available with a different print on the back. The new printing is similar to the old printing except that the word "SENDER" and the four lines for the sender to write the return address have been deleted.

On the samples examined, the print on the front and inside appears unchanged but the red ink used is a deeper shade. On comparing the paper used, the new envelopes appear white while the original one is off-white. The earliest known date of use is the 5th August 2004 for the new printing.

The medium (4 1/8 " X 9 1/2 ") envelopes, both window and non-window, have also been reprinted. Again the word 'SENDER' and the four lines have been deleted.

SCARLET IBIS 1990 - AUTOGRAPHED FDC's

Albert Sydney reported a set of four autographed FDC's of the 1990 Scarlet Ibis issue (SG # 774/7 or Sc # 505/8). The FDC's were autographed by (1) Mr. George Medley - Chairman of the Trustees Worldwide Fund for Nature; (2) Mr. Richard Howard - Chairman - International Council for Bird Preservation; (3) Mr. Percy Edwards; (4) Miss Thora Hird, O.B.E. and member of the RSPB. Each FDC bears one autograph. On the back of each cover has a rubber stamp stating: "CERTIFIED COPY NO. ... OF 25". Therefore, we can state only 25 sets were done. The Scarlet Ibis issue had the World Wildlife Fund logo on it.



Scarlet Ibis

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER

Trinidad and Tobago \$2.25



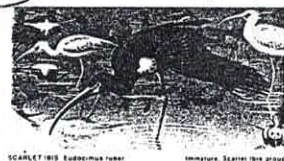
Trinidad and Tobago \$1.00



Trinidad and Tobago 80c



Trinidad and Tobago 40c



Personally signed
by Mr George Medley
- Chairman of the
Trustees Worldwide
Fund for Nature

George Medley

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SCARLET IBIS FDC AUTOGRAPHED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLDWIDE FUND FOR NATURE (WWF)