

John O. Griffiths to Receive Lichtenstein Award



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The Board of Governors has elected member John O. Griffiths to receive the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Award in recognition of his outstanding service to philately. The award will be presented at the Club's annual awards dinner on May 23, 1990.

John has served both the Collectors Club and the Royal Philatelic Society, London in many capacities. He has worked as a member of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* editorial board and represented the Club in many activities on the west coast of the United States. He is perhaps best known for nine years of service to the Royal as its Honorary Secretary between 1972 and 1981.

Born in England in 1923, John embarked on his career in organized philately in 1960. He exhibited and judged at the national level with notable success and was the chair of the functions committee at LONDON '80.

Since moving to California in 1981, John has become accredited as both an APS and Topical judge, serves on the APS expert committee, presented numerous club programs, and written many articles for the philatelic press. Active in the Southern California Collectors Club and the Tri-City Stamp Club, he served as exhibits chairman for STaMpsHOW '85 in San Diego. The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California named him its "Distinguished Philatelist of the Year" in 1986 and in 1987 the British Philatelic Congress elected him to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

His collections have won numerous top awards including the grand prix d'honneur at Stockholm in 1974 for "Line Engraved Stamps of Great Britain" and another for "South Australia" in 1983. His collection of "Surface Printed Issues of Great Britain" has won four large gold medals at FIP world exhibitions and other collections of British airmails, Leeward Islands and U.S. postal history have taken large gold medals at both the international and national levels. His thematic collection of "History of Railways During the Steam Train Era" recently won an FIP gold medal.

Married to Lynne, an accomplished philatelist in her own right, he has three sons and a daughter and three grandchildren in the United Kingdom.

F. Burton Sellers

President's Report

The start of a new year and a new decade is a time for sober reflection on the past as well as musings upon the future. First of all, let me take this opportunity to thank the board members and many club members who have contributed so much, both in time and in money, to the well being of our club. We stand on a solid foundation, poised to move into the final decade of the century. The finances are sound, the club house is in good order, our staff is dedicated, and the library remains one of the most significant in the world. Club morale is high; member interest and