

The Royal Challenge 2024

At 15 Abchurch Lane on 23rd-25th October, the Royal Philatelic Societies of London, New Zealand, Canada, and Victoria took part in the Royal Challenge. The four teams each had four members, two of whom provided 5-frame exhibits and two provided 8-frame exhibits.

The material exhibited was of the highest quality, and the points awarded reflect this high standard. The 4 judges (one from each of the Royal Philatelic Societies) awarded the following marks:

For Canada:

Mary Pugh	93 points (Large Gold)
Jean Wang	90 points (Large Gold)
Norma Nielsen	87 points (Gold)
Brenda Hoyles	82 points (Large Vermeil)

Total for the RPSC: 352 points

For New Zealand:

Francis Sharp	91 points (Large Gold)
Lindsay Chitty	88 points (Large Gold)
Martin Treadwell	88 points (Gold)
Mark Benvie	87 points (Gold)

Total for the RPSNZ: 354 points

For London:

Mike Roberts	93 points (Large Gold)
Peter Cockburn	91 points (Large Gold)
Andy Taylor	90 points (Large Gold)
Simon Martin-Redman	86 points (Gold)

Total for the RPSL: 360 points

For Victoria:

Bill Clark	93 points (Large Gold)
Allan Grey	93 points (Large Gold)
Mark Diserio	90 points (Large Gold)
Charles Bromsors	85 points (Gold)

Total for the RPSV: 361 points

The winner of the Royal Challenge is the team with the highest total number of points. Thus, the winner was The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. Congratulations to them.



The judges: Stephen Chivers (New Zealand), Frank Pauer (Victoria), Simon Richards (London, presenting the Patrick Maselis Trophy to Frank), and Sam Chiu (Canada)



Sam Chiu presented a Special Prize to Mary Pugh, whose exhibit was judged to be the best in the event.