

BCS Editor's Update

We continue to have an adequate inflow of articles for *Bermuda Post*, but it would always be nice to have new or occasional writers to contribute more. Without the dedicated efforts of a few key members, it would be impossible to provide the quality quarterly journal we now have. To that end, I would strongly encourage all members to consider writing something related to our favourite islands.

But, you may say, I am not a writer and I don't know how to proceed. It is not that difficult, and your editor is always willing to help with formatting an article or providing guidelines for submitting images and photographs. It is not that foreboding!

Unfortunately, costs continue to rise, especially for postage. For the most part (depending on tariffs, I would imagine) the cost of production (*i.e.*, printing) has pretty much stabilized, with only minor fluctuations. No one can predict what can happen, but we will strive to keep costs as low as possible while continuing to provide a quality publication.

What we cannot control is the ever-increasing cost of postage. It seems the U.S. Postal Service is committed to increasing mailing costs every six months. In July, domestic rates increased five cents, but overseas rates jumped from \$8.41 to \$8.75 to mail your journal.

Even if rates were not to increase again, that would be \$35US for a year's mailing alone, not to include the price of printing. Just three years ago, the price of mailing the journal overseas was \$6.87.

Unfortunately, we have no control over mailing costs, but we'll do the best we can to maintain overall costs.

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