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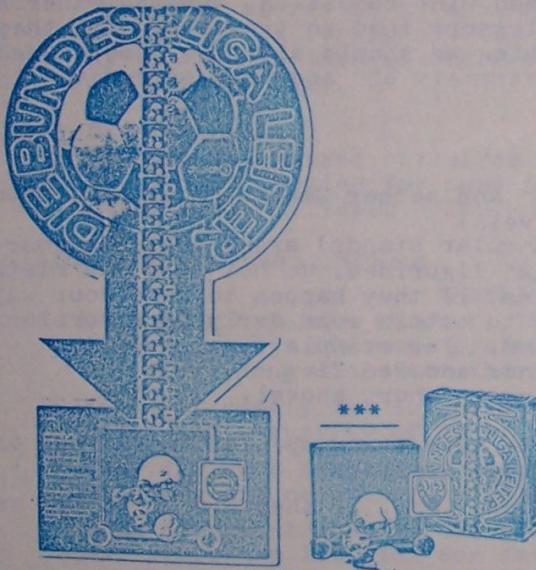
Dear Smurf Collector,
We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

The past three months have been exciting! More and more of our members have been writing to the Club regularly with their questions, observations and in-put. We are learning some very interesting facts about our members and their collections. As time goes on, we will share more of this information in the Club Newsletters.

Many inquires have been made about the availability of the SMURF TRAIN shown in the Club catalog and in the Schleich 1986 catalog. Delivery was supposed to be September 1986. As of this writing, the SMURF TRAIN is not available. We will certainly keep you posted on any information we receive on this item.

VARIATIONS: #20035 SOCCER

This Smurf figurine, we believe, has been made in more color and detail variations than any other.



In the early 1980's, a complete set was issued to represent German soccer teams. There were 18 pieces in this set. To date, we know of no members who own this set. The picture shown was featured in a Schleich catalog.

*** Each Soccer Smurf came individually boxed with it's own little green display compartment.

The following is a list of verified variations. We have reason to believe that there are many more than 18 variations on this number. We wish to also note that pieces made in West Germany, Hong Kong and Portugal have turned up with different soccer balls (groove variations) and a few pieces even have cleats on their shoes. There are also numerous color socks, but we will only describe major variations at this point.

#20035 SOCCER

Yellow Shirt Blue Pants

Red " Red "

Yellow " Red "

Red " Yellow "

White " Black "

Gold " Black "

Blue " Red "

Red " White "

Yellow " Black "

Orange " Yellow "

*1 White shirt with Red Stripes Black Pants

*2 White shirt with Red Stripes White Pants with Red Stripe

*3 Red shirt with Black Stripes Black Pants

*4 White shirt with Red Pants

*5 White shirt with Green Stripe White Pants with Green Stripe

*6 White shirt with White Pants

*These six variations are found on 6 Smurgrams (which we are attempting to get for our members) they represent six West German soccer teams. The stands give the "TEAM CHEER" for each of the soccer teams.



#2 represents STUTTGART (capital of Baden-Wurttemberg, on the Neckar River, in the central part of the state.)

#1 represents BAVARIAN MUNICH (Munich is the capital of Bavaria)

#4 represents HAMBURG (a port of No.-central W.G. on the Elbe River)

#6 represents COLOGNE (city of W.G. on the Rhine River)

#5 represents MONCHEN GLADBACH (city & textile center of W.G., about 20 miles east of So. Border of the Netherlands)

#3 represents FRANKFURT (river port on the Main River in Hesse)

Do YOU own variations on the list that are not listed? If you do, Please share your information. Send the CLUB a PICTURE. WE WILL NOT publish any variations that cannot be verified by their owners and the club.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the above variation list is strictly for your INFORMATION! The Club is NOT offering these variations for sale. WATCH OUR "AUCTION BLOCK SECTION."

Tip to Collectors: To follow up our last Newsletter, in which we gave guidelines on how to rate the condition of our Smurfs, the following is from the book "How To Collect", by Carole Rogers. "Within each specialty there are different criteria for determining condition and rarity or age. If an object is extremely rare even an advanced collector may buy one in less than mint condition. On the other hand, when an item is more readily available, collectors tend to trade-up until they have an almost perfect specimen." This is something we should all give some thought and consideration to. We do come across some extremely old and rare pieces not in "Good" or "Mint" condition. Food for thought!

More "Food For Thought"

The preceding articles (re "trading up" and soccer Smurfs on stands) prompt us to point out something else in a similar vein:

OLD "Message Figurines" (Smurfs on triangular stands) are a possible source of a real prize! Even if you collect only the 2" figurines, do not make the mistake of turning your nose up at the "Message Figurines" if they happen to come your way. Recently a few of our Club members were able to obtain some early rare versions that are, otherwise, nearly impossible to find. For example:

1. Bully Astro with open hands and Red Tie
2. Small Bully Digger resting on short shovel.
3. Smurf holding Pig.

What good luck! It's certainly better to have these special variations on stands rather than not have them at all!! Happy hunting!

The messages on the stands are interesting...esp. if they are in German or French.

—News Flash— Smurfologist Unearths Rare Smurf Species

A few of our members have 1" tall Smurfs and they all bear the "BULLY" trademark. Only one design -- SLEEPWALKER-- but injected in several colors:

RED

DARK GREEN AND LIGHT GREEN

ORANGE

DARK BLUE AND LIGHT BLUE

YELLOW

BLACK

They have painted white pants and hats. Their round stands are the color of their hands and faces. All one piece.

Our source has advised us that these pieces are at least 8 years old. Production is unknown.

It did come as a shock to learn that Smurfs were not always BLUE!!!! We have also been advised that they had to be taken off the market because children were choking on them. They ARE small and do look like Gummy Bear-type candies.

Now, at least, we are all alerted to the fact that very different Smurfs are out there waiting to be found.

Yes, we have good news: The Club has a few pieces!! Supply is very limited; not all colors are available. Write the club for more information. A very rare find!

Collectors' Comments

To the Smurf Collectors Club:

"The mention of a Convention of the Smurf Collectors as made by Dusty A. from Texas in the last Newsletter is very inviting to me for the following reasons:

#1 Written descriptions, telephone descriptions, pictures etc. fall short in communication regarding certain figures. Only an eye on and hands on experience can suffice in certain cases.

#2 Sharing is caring and caring is sharing; Papa Smurf would agree I'm sure!

#3 Is Orange Brown, or Brown Brown? Or is Orange Brown, or Brown Orange?

#4 Is Suzanne Smurfette for real?

Count me in! L.A. to the Big Apple, Dallas to Bismark, Miami to Seattle, W. Berlin, Hong Kong, Paris, Tim-Buck-Too. By the way, where is Tim-Buck-Too?

From a very avid Smurf Collector

Dear Avid Collector:

TIMBUKTU is a small town in central Mali, near the southern edge of the Sahara
...in Africa.

I don't think we will have to go THAT far for a Smurf Convention, but you have made your point!

Dear Fellow Members ~ a word to the wise from someone not-so-wise:

To follow up Gary's comment in the last Newsletter, "A Lesson well learned etc." This excellent advise holds true wherever you may be. I also learned my lesson the hard way!

A few years ago I purchased the mailman with Christmas holly painted on the envelope. Because the paint on the horn was less than perfect, I returned it thinking that I'd buy a new one when fresh stock arrived.

Needless to say, my usual brand of luck held and the store never received more. The other stores in my area never got that particular variation at all.

So, my search for the "HOLLY MAILMAN" continues to this day!

My search did turn up one good Smurfette ~ Suzanne ~ but that's a long story for another time.

From a very devoted Member

Dear Devoted Member:

We have all kicked ourselves more than once for passing up pieces. I'm sure we are all looking for more than one piece we remember seeing somewhere or other over the years. Don't give up!

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

by Gary S. of N.J.

SHOPPING IN HONG KONG--September 1986

Hong Kong offers a shopper, the best of Worlds at relatively low prices. Unfortunately, the same pieces that were available in the United States, come from Hong Kong, and therefore are the same pieces available there.

You will rarely see European pieces in Hong Kong. Sharpeners, Plush Smurfs Dolls and a variety of other American Market items can be found.

They did have Knapsacks, Watches and School Bags that were not PEYO Licensed, but they are nevertheless cute.

Hong Kong would not be the best place to Smurf hunt. I think that it is two years too late for our favorite collectable.

Another member was in Hong Kong in September and he reported the same information as Gary. He had a little more luck searching out Flea Markets.

Buy-Sell-Trade

AD #

#30 - WANTED - Christmas Smurfs with Cords. Smurf with Green Wreath, Smurf Riding Candy Cane. WILL PAY GOOD PRICE!

#31 - FOR SALE - Schleich Poster. All in German. Shows complete line of Schleich Products. Size 26½ by 37, Full Color Scene. Large Rainbow appearing on top of Poster. Store promotional item, available only from Germany.

#32 - FOR SALE - German Greeting Cards with Smurfs (2" figurines) sealed inside Cards. (German Language) Schleich 1986 item.

#33 - FOR SALE - UNUSUAL IMPORT 1" ALL BLUE SMURFS, 16 pieces in Attractive Box. Figurines represented, #20023, 031, 039, 041, 044, 049, 050, 059, 062, 068, 095, 123, 126, 140, 141, 142. Marked "Payo" 1983.
FOR THE COLLECTOR WHO WANTS A VERY UNUSUAL ITEM!

#34 - FOR SALE - Complete Set of 12 Smurf Music Boxes. Sample of one Model:
All Sayings in English.

Each piece plays a different tune.

#35 - FOR SALE - Complete set of 11 Smurf Porcelain Figurines.
Photos available upon request. W. Berrie 1982.



Auction Block

Item # 113	SMURF HOLDING PIG ON STAND	Made In W. Germany, Mint Condition
	Saying: "Herzlichen Glückwunsch und VIEL SCHWEIN im neuen Lebensjahr"	Opening Bid: \$50.00
Item # 114	Smurf #20116 ALCHEMIST	Made in W. Germany "BULLY" Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$8.00
Item # 115	Smurf #20125 HEART In French: "De Tout Mon Coeur"	Made in W. Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$8.00
Item # 116	Smurf #20007 ANGRY Small Variation	Made in Portugal, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$18.00
Item # 117	Smurf #20105 SCOT Orange Bagpipe, Green Stripe around FEET	Made in W. Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$10.00
Item # 118	Smurf #20046 EMPEROR Yellow Injected Mould Gown & Crown Yellow NOT PAINTED	Made in Portugal, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$15.00
Item # 119	Smurf #20144 INDIAN Red, Yellow, Green Feathers, Brown Pants	Made in W. Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$11.00
Item #120	Smurfette #20188 MAJORETTE HOT PINK Baton & Boots	Made in W. Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$8.00
Item # 121	Smurfette #20149 CHEERLEADER NO "S" on Dress	Made in W. Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$8.00
Item # 122	Smurf #20081 TYROLESE RED PIPE & FEATHER	Made in Hong Kong, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$7.00
Item # 123	Smurf Baby #20215 BABY W CAR DARK BLUE SKIN	Made in West Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$5.00
Item # 124	Smurf #20055 GOLFER White & Black Shoes (Spats)	Made in W. Germany, Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$7.00
Item # 125	Super #40207 SIGNBEARER Mould Variation & Sign Variation	W. German Variation, Mint in Box Opening Bid: \$10.00
Item # 126	Smurf #20040 GIFT ORANGE BOW	Made in HONG KONG, Mint Condition "BULLY" Opening Bid: \$6.00
Item # 127	Smurf #20102 ARCHER Separate Bow & Arrows not ONE PIECE	Made in W. Germany Mint Condition "Bully" Opening Bid: \$10.00
Item # 128	Smurfette #20153 SANTA SMURFETTE	Made In Hong Kong Mint Condition Opening Bid: \$8.00
Item #129	Smurf "RARE ASTRO" As Featured in Newsletter	Made in W. Germany Good Condition Opening Bid: \$20.00
Item #130	Smurf #20104 PIRATE	Made in W. Germany Good Condition "BULLY" Opening Bid: \$6.00
Item #131	Smurf #20115 LION TAMER GOLD WHIP	Made In W. Germany Mint Condition "BULLY" Opening Bid: \$8.00
Item #132	Smurf #20110 HAIRDRESSER	Made in W. Germany Mint Condition "Bully" Opening Bid: \$7.00

RESULTS OF OUR LAST "AUCTION BLOCK":

Item #100	FOOTBALL	SOLD FOR: \$16.00	Item #111	SWIMMER	SOLD FOR: \$16.00
Item #101	COWBOY	SOLD FOR: \$ 6.00	Item #112	MAILMAN	SOLD FOR: \$12.00
Item #102	WOODCUTTER	SOLD FOR: \$ 6.00			
Item #103	PIRATE	SOLD FOR: \$ 7.00			
Item #104	ICE LOLLY	SOLD FOR: \$10.00			
Item #105	GOLFER	SOLD FOR: \$ 5.50	Congratulations to all the winning bidders. You have all won some very special pieces! I would like to thank our membership for their overwhelming response to this new feature!		
Item #106	BASKETBALL	SOLD FOR: \$10.00			
Item #107	GRADUATE	SOLD FOR: \$15.00			
Item #108	BRICKLAYER	SOLD FOR: \$20.00			
Item #109	NATIONAL GAS STATION SUPER	SOLD FOR: \$43.00			
Item #110	SMURF W PIG	SOLD FOR: \$99.00			

AUCTION BIDDING TERMS

- 1- Mail-In-Bid Forms MUST BE USED. NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN LETTERS. NO PHONE IN BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If any members need more Auction Block Bid Forms, please write to us and we will forward them to you by return mail. Please enclose a S.A.S.E.
- 2-Offers to "Top All Other Bids" will NOT BE ACCEPTED!
- 3-Winning bids must be honored by bidders.
- 4-Invoices will be mailed to all winning bidders on the day following the close of the Auction.
- 5-Payment must be received within 10 days, or the item will go to the next highest bidder.
- 6-Tie bids will be determined by the earliest POSTMARK. If Postmarks are the same, each tie bidder will be notified to re-bid.
- 7-No returns WILL BE PERMITTED FOR ANY REASON after settlement is made with our consignors.
- 8-Personal checks from FIRST TIME PURCHASERS require a two week delay in shipment while the check clears our bank. USE BANK OR POSTAL MONEY ORDERS to avoid this delay.
- 9- Results of the AUCTION BLOCK will be published in our next Newsletter.

Suzanne

BIDDING, ON ITEMS IN THIS ISSUE, CLOSES JAN. 30, 1987

HOW TO SUBMIT A PIECE FOR AUCTION

1-ALL pieces to be listed in our NEXT AUCTION BLOCK MUST be sent to the Club BEFORE FEB. 5th, 1987. This must be done in order to guarantee the condition of all items before publication.

2-State the Price you are asking as your OPENING BID.

3-A fee of \$1.00 per item will be charged by the Club for handling and postage.

This fee is to be sent to the Club along with your item.