

B.S.C.C. Auction list April 2017

Lot no.1 The Living Cowries by C.M.Burgess, 1970

389 pages, 44 colour plates. The cover and spine are damaged, but the pages are in excellent condition. A very useful and informative book.

Lot no.2 Large bag of shell grit

About 2 Kg of unsorted grit from Porthcurno, Cornwall, collected in May 2015

Lot no.3 Pleurodonte excellens

A fantastic and rare land snail! Endemic to Hispaniola. These are 2 large and top quality specimens, with only very minor scars, the lips are perfect! 53mm and 51mm. Collected in leaf litter in the Dominican Republic.

Lot no.4 Our Country's shells and how to know them by W.J. Gordon, 1901

Hardback, 152 pages with 611 colour illustrations

Incredible condition for such an old book, could be a later edition?

Over 600 British marine species described including Cephalopods and Nudibranchs.

Excellent book for it's time that would make a fantastic addition to any shell book library.

Lot no.5 Harpulina loroisi

A fantastic species of Volute with a striking pattern! This is a small specimen with a wide shell, could even be a form of Harpulina lapponica, it is so difficult to separate these species. 79.7mm,

Fine +++ condition. Trawled off Tamil Nadu, India. Great pattern!

Lot no.6 18 copies of Pallidula magazine

Almost a complete run of issues from April 1996 until October 2003.

Just 2 issues are missing. Black and white format, in size A5.

Mostly in very nice condition.

Lot no.7 Lambis scorpius Giant specimen

Huge size! 170.6mm, Fine +, just minor chips on some of the digits.

Collected by fishermen, off Cebu, Philippines.

Lot no.8 Cowries of the World by C.M Burgess, 1985

289 pages, 20 colour plates plus colour photos on almost every page.

Very condition. A very good follow up from the 1970 book

featuring many new species and forms.

Lot no.9 Strategoconus litteratus

Very nice large specimen with a great pattern! 120mm. Just one large chip in the lip, spire is a little eroded, otherwise this is a nice quality specimen.

Collected by fishermen, off Cebu, Philippines.

Lot no.10 Journal of Molluscan studies (Malacological Society)

66 books, as follows:

Volume 43 - parts 1 to 3	1977
Volume 44 - parts 1 to 3	1978
Volume 45 - parts 1 to 3	1979
Volume 46 - parts 1 to 3	1980
Volume 47 - parts 1 to 3	1981
Volume 48 - parts 1 to 3	1982
Volume 49 - parts 1 to 3	1983
Volume 50 - parts 1 to 3	1984
Volume 51 - parts 1 to 2	1985
Volume 52 - parts 1 to 3	1986
Volume 53 - parts 1 to 3	1987
Volume 54 - parts 1 to 4	1988
Volume 55 - parts 1 to 4	1989
Volume 56 - parts 1 to 4	1990
Volume 57 - parts 1 to 4	1991
Supplement	1991
Volume 58 - parts 1 to 4	1992
Volume 59 - parts 1 to 4	1993
Volume 60 - parts 1 to 4	1994
Volume 61 - parts 1 to 4	1995
Volume 62 - part 1	1996

Lot no.11 Architectonicidae of the Indo-Pacific by Bieler 1993

376 pages, 286 figures, 3 plates.

Condition is as good as new. A very complex book for the specialist.

88 species are described in incredible detail, with SEM photographs, distribution maps, histograms, line drawings and info on anatomy, ecology and larval development.

This really is an incredible and comprehensive piece of work.

Lot no.12 Shell grit from Benidorm

About 1 Kg of very fine shell grit from Levante Beach, Benidorm, Spain, collected March 2016.

Lot no.13 Busycon contrarium

Lightning Whelk. Large specimen with very pronounced shoulder knobs. 210mm. Lip is a little filed, some chips and some erosion to shoulder knobs, very nice shape! Quite uncommon at this size now.

Lot no.14 Cylinder textile pyramidalis

2 very beautiful little Textile Cone shells. These are an interesting form with quite large tents. 35mm and 43mm, gem quality. Collected off Mauritius.

Lot no.15 The Encyclopedia of Shells by S.P.Dance, 1974

288 pages with colour photos on almost all pages.

Cover and spine damaged, pages are in good condition An excellent book, featuring a huge diversity of species.

- Lot no.16 Melo amphora**
Large specimen with exceptional pattern! 227mm. The lip is a little filed and the spines are quite worn, otherwise this is a very nice specimen. Collected by a diver in Shark Bay, Western Australia.
From the collection of a very famous collector ; the late Paul Johnson!
- Lot no.17 Strategoconus leopardus**
Large specimen, 152mm, Collected by diver, off Zamboanga, Philippines.
Very interesting and beautiful shell, very good quality for the size,
Only a few small scars and a tiny bit of spiral erosion.
This is all in all a very good specimen!
- Lot no.18 Conchas e Moluscos de Angola (Conch shells of Angola)**
Gofas, Afonso and Brandao
144 pages with many colour and black and white photos.
An excellent book covering the shells of Angola. Text is in Portuguese and French.
Cover is a little torn, otherwise the condition is very good.
I imagine this is a rare book, don't miss this opportunity!
- Lot no.19 Cymbiola innexa marispuma**
A beautiful and uncommon Volute! 111.1mm, Fine+++ condition.
There are a few minor flaws including a shallow scar which runs down the side of the shell. Beautiful dark pattern and the aperture is white and glossy.
Trawled off Java, Indonesia.
- Lot no.20 The New Science of Skin and SCUBA diving by Follett 1974**
288 pages with black and white illustrations
Excellent condition. An excellent book, over 1.5 million copies sold!
This book tells you everything you need to know, to dive efficiently and safely.
- Lot no.21 Harpago chiragra**
The Uncommon Thai form, with a purple tinge to the columella. 214mm, almost gem quality. Excellent digits and a very good pattern on the dorsum.
A very nice shell.
- Lot no.22 Partridge Tun Shell ; Tonna perdix**
Very uncommon colour form, almost entirely brown, only a few small cream markings. Small size, 92mm. The lip is a little rough. Very unusual and rare form.
Trawled off Tamil Nadu, India.
- Lot no.23 Compendium of Seashells by Dance & Abbott 1982**
411 pages, over 4000 colour photos. Cover very slightly damaged.
Excellent condition for it's age. A fantastic book featuring 4200 species of molluscs. This book is a must-have for any library!
Autographed to the late Graham Saunders with best wishes from both authors.
- Lot no.24 Cymbiola aulica**
A very good sized specimen, 136mm. Collected off Zamboanga, Philippines.
Nice quality shell, just a couple of small scars on the dorsum and one larger scar running down the side of the shell. The colour and pattern are excellent.
A good example of this beautiful species.

Lot no.25 Mollusc World, the magazine of the Conchological Society

35 Editions

Issue numbers: 1 to 10, 15 to 17, 20 to 42.

Lot no.26 Odontocymbiola Americana

An interesting little species of Volute with an intricate tent pattern.

This one has some black stain in the aperture, but the size and pattern are very good. 50.6mm. Trawled off Espirito Santo State, Brazil.

Lot no.27 Journal of Conchology (Conchological Society)

102 books, as follows:

Volume 25 - parts 4 to 8	1963 to 1965
Volume 26 - parts 1,2, 4, 5 and 6	1966 to 1968
Volume 27 - parts 1,3, 4, 5 and 6	1969 to 1972
Volume 28 - parts 1 to 6	1973 to 1975
Volume 29 - parts 1 to 6	1976 to 1978
Volume 30 - parts 1 to 6	1979 to 1981
Special Publication	1980
Volume 31 - parts 1 to 6	1982 to 1984
Volume 32 - parts 1 to 6	1985 to 1987
Volume 33 - parts 1 to 6	1988 to 1990
Volume 34 - parts 1 to 6	1991 to 1994
Volume 35 - parts 1 to 6	1994 to 1996
Volume 36 - parts 1 to 6	1997 to 1999
Special Publication	1998
Volume 37 - parts 1 to 6	2000 to 2002
Volume 38 - parts 1 to 6	2003 to 2005
Volume 39 - parts 1 to 6	2006 to 2009
Volume 40 - parts 1 to 6	2010 to 2011
Volume 41 - parts 1 to 6	2011 to 2014
Volume 42 - parts 1 to 6	2015 to 2016

Lot no.28 Golden Cowrie ; *Lyncina aurantium*

A beautiful and large specimen, 102.9mm. Collected off Bohol, Philippines.

The quality is almost gem, there are just a few minor flaws, including one quite large one on the dorsum which looks like a fish bite.

Still a very beautiful, fresh looking specimen!

Lot no.29 Coelatura hauttecoeuri (Family: Unionidae.)

A fantastic species of freshwater clam, endemic to Lake Victoria, very difficult to obtain! 6 specimens, 25.5mm to 42.3mm, Gem to Fine + condition.

The colour and sculpture are surprisingly variable in this species, all of these specimens are different. Collected in fishermen's nets in Entebbe, Uganda.

Lot no.30 British Bivalve Seashells by Norman Tebble 1966

212 pages, 12 colour plates

Cover is a little worn but this book is otherwise in excellent condition.

An excellent book covering most of the British Bivalve species in great detail.

A much sought-after book, very difficult to get hold of this one!

- Lot no.31** **3 Cowries from Mauritius**
 Cribrarula cribellum (Sub-adult), Bistolida owenii owenii, Melicerona listeri listeri.
 All are beached shells, but reasonable quality for the species. All are dead taken in Mauritius. The nominate sub-species of Bistolida owenii is quite hard to obtain.
- Lot no.32** **A field guide to Land Snails of Britain and North West Europe**
by Kerney & Cameron 1979
 Hardback, 288 pages, 24 colour plates.
 Excellent condition. An excellent book covering a large number of species in great detail with very accurate coloured illustrations. There is also very useful info on collecting, preservation, ecology and anatomy of snails.
 A distribution map is also included for each species.
- Lot no.33** **A Review of the Triviidae (Memoir 10) by Crawford, Neil and Cate 1979**
 Paperback with 126 pages and 153 black and white photos.
 Excellent condition. A fantastic and comprehensive work with many new species described. Many type specimens are featured and every species is described in great detail. This is truly a fantastic work.
- Lot no.34** **Mutela bourquignati (Family: Iridinidae)**
 Rare and interesting freshwater clam, endemic to Lake Victoria.
 These are 2 good quality specimens, 66.1mm and 63.1mm, only minor defects, the smaller one has a dull interior. The periostracum is mostly still intact.
 Very difficult to obtain this species!
- Lot no.35** **Bursidae of the world by T.Cossignani 1994**
 Hardback with 119 pages, many colour photos.
 Some of the pages are damaged, but still legible.
 A very good book covering all of the species of Bursidae known at that time.
- Lot no.36** **Scaphella junonia**
 A super large specimen! 128.7mm, the lip has been filed a little and there are 2 very small scars on the dorsum. The pattern is spectacular! A very impressive shell!
 Collected by diver off Sanibel Island, Florida.
- Lot no.37** **Cone shells from Cape Verde Islands by Rockel, Rolan and Monteiro**
1980
 156 pages and 8 colour plates
 A very good book describing all the species of Cone shells known at that time in the Cape Verde Islands. Describes each species in great detail emphasising the differences between each species.
- Lot no.38** **Fulgoraria ericarum**
 A large and rare Volute, trawled in the South China Sea. 192mm, Fine +++ condition, just a slightly rough lip and a few very shallow scars, hardly noticeable.
 The pattern is excellent!
- Lot no.39** **18 copies of Pallidula Magazine**
 Almost a complete run of issues from April 2004 until April 2013.
 Only the October 2011 issue is missing. Colour format, size A4.

Lot no.40

Mutela species (Family: Iridinidae)

Huge specimen! 158.2mm. Fine + condition.

Possibly a form of *Mutela dubia*, possibly endemic to the lakes on the border of Uganda and D.R. Congo. Fantastic pink coloured interior! Very good periostracum. Very nice quality for such a mature specimen. Collected in fishermen's nets in Lake Edward, Uganda.

Very difficult to obtain large *Mutela* like this now, most of the large *Mutela* like this one were collected in the early 1900's during very dangerous expeditions.

This one is a museum piece!

POSTAL BIDS ARE ACCEPTED IN ADVANCE OF THE AUCTION.

Must be with the Auction Manager by 22 April 2017

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