

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Next Meeting : Tuesday, May 14th, 1985.

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602. Program for the Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The Program for the May 14th Meeting will consist of at least two films and possibly a third. The two films booked are " How Far We've Come " illustrating the trials and tribulations of mail transportation in Canada, and " By Guess and By God ", an entertaining tongue-in-cheek account of the pioneers of Canada's airmail services. If the third film isn't available, a talk on one of the " Basics " of philately will be given by a club member. This meeting is also the time to present the " Certificates of Participation to those who exhibited at our recent Exhibition.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year was another busy and stimulating one for members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. As we look back over the year, it is encouraging to recall that this club is one of the oldest continually operating stamp clubs in Canada (having been founded in 1922) and is probably the largest regional club in the country. My experience leads me to believe that it is also one of the very best.

Let me bring to your attention and recollection a few of the highlights of this past year's activities. The high point of our undertakings is normally the annual Exhibition, and that of April 1984, was certainly no exception. Besides a Court of Honor, 94 senior frames of exhibits and 18 junior frames constituted a very fine display of philately in the Imperial Ballroom of the Lord Nelson Hotel. All who attended our annual Exhibition benefitted from an opportunity to view these exhibits, interact with the many dealer's in the bourse, and to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. A program innovation of last June, and one that was used again in October, was the " philatelic flea market ". All members who

participated - whether as buyers, sellers, swappers, or just browsers - gave good reviews to the event. While on the subject of monthly meeting programs, we should note that the range of programs was diverse and stimulating. We gained considerable insight into the various post marks that have been used in Nova Scotia, the fascinating postal history of Papua New Guinea, and the various stages that go into the production of a Canadian postage stamp - in this case the Dalhousie Law stamp. Our annual charity auction netted some \$ 220.00 for distribution to a pair of deserving charities just prior to Christmas. The annual Catalogue Auction, held in February of 1985, proved to be a solid success : 70% of the lots put up for sale were sold and gross sales were over \$ 2,100.00.

Aside from program and directly related matters, your Club Executive spent much time over this past year deliberating on a number of items. A major matter that required a not inconsiderable amount of attention was the (now-aborted) Canada Post national show to have been held in Halifax in October, 1985. While we greeted the decision not to hold this show with mixed emotions, the exercise led your executive to putting into place a number of steps that should facilitate the running of such a show if the opportunity were to arise in the future. The issue of exhibition frames merited our attention, and a tentative decision was made to acquire new frames prior to the 1986 annual exhibition. At the present time, the Executive has a committee considering the possible retirement of some of our Exhibition Awards and the possible introduction of new ones ; one such new award was established this past year, the Nova Scotia Stamp Club award. Other matters of business that came before your executive were well covered in the monthly newsletter and so will not be reiterated here.

The smooth and effective running of an organization such as the Nova Scotia Stamp Club requires dedicated effort on the part of many volunteer workers. I think the present is an appropriate occasion on which to single out a number of people who have contributed yeoman service in our collective interest. Without gainsaying the much-appreciated efforts of others, I wish to draw your attention to the following club members and the contributions they have made over this past year ;

- Ron Lewis -- First Vice-President and Program Chairman
- Marilyn Murphy -- Second Vice-President, organizer and motivator of the Junior club, and someone who carried out a number of tasks for the executive over the year.
- Archie Thomas -- Stalwart treasurer, known for his parsimony.
- George MacKenzie -- Hard working Newsletter Editor, valuable executive member and 1984 Exhibition Chairman.
- Hugh Rathbun -- Corresponding Secretary, producer of the program booklet for the annual exhibition, and one who carried out various other tasks as required.
- Peter Ineson -- Recording Secretary, and one of the club's two auctioneers.
- Gary Coolen -- Director, who organized the annual Catalogue Auction in an effective manner and who is also the Exhibition Bourse Chairman.
- Georgie Somers -- Director, who contributed when called upon.
- Claude Michaud -- Director, who generously gave of his wisdom and expertise as requested.

Collins Baugild -- Honorary Director, whose sage counsel was of great value to the Executive.

Dave Cooper -- Past President and Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

Hilda van Rooyen -- Club Librarian

Stan Dunfield -- Club Auctioneer

Jane Cooper -- efficient provider of coffee for the monthly meetings.

These and other individuals worked diligently and effectively to ensure that the past year was another satisfying one for the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

Robert Vaison
President.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the length of the Treasurer's Report, it will not be produced in total in the Newsletter but will be condensed by the editor for obvious reasons. Total receipts drawn from the 1984 Annual Exhibition, Membership Dues, Stamp Auctions, Bank interest and Newsletter advertising was \$7,494.24. Total expenses for the 1984 Annual Exhibition, Newsletter printing and postage, stationary, stamp auctions, library books, bank service charge and miscellaneous were \$7,422.28. The net profit for the past year is \$71.96. Our bank statement shows us with \$5,397.23 on hand as of March 31st, 1985.

605. 1985-1986 NSSC Slate of Officers :

The slate of officers listed in item 594 of the last newsletter was accepted by the club membership in attendance at the April 9th meeting. A third director will be chosen at a later date and nominations were put forward at the first meeting of the new Executive on Monday, April 22nd.

606. Membership :

The following applications for membership have been received ;

Hugh Corkum --Hugh collects Canada.

Ben McLellan, 25 Jayden Dr, Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 2A9 -- Ben collects Canadian & British stamps, First Day Covers & plate blocks.

T. Peter Sodero

Elizabeth Sodero -- Elizabeth collects Canada

Lucille C. Robinson, 6269 Cork St, Halifax, N.S. B3L 1Y8 --

Lucille collects Postal History of N.S.,
Canadian, Newfoundland, British and TB
Christmas Seals.

Dawn Attis, 1 Don Messer Crb., Halifax, N.S. B3M 3M8
Dawn collects Canada, N.B., P.E.I., N.S.
and Newfoundland.

The following resignation has been received ;

#351 Ralph Faulkner

607. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The April meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, April 22nd, and although it was the first meeting of the NEW EXECUTIVE, introductions were not necessary. The following items of business were brought forward ;

- Retirement of Awards -- Marilyn Murphy announced that a final decision hasn't been made as yet but should be by the time of the next Executive meeting. The only two awards affected will be the Madge Morison and Bill Stephenson.
- Philatelic Coasters -- Hugh Rathbun announced that 49 coasters have been sold, 2 given as a gift to Mrs Lyons leaving 43 sets to be sold. The price is only \$7 a set and they will be available at the next two club meetings until all are sold. Members should note that this would be a perfect for a Xmas gift to a friend whether a collector or not.
- Cablevision Show Tapes -- The president announced that the Club has received two tapes of the " Doug & Marty " half-hour program and one of them will probably form part of our programming early in the new season starting in September.
- Auction Lots -- A few complaints have been put forward to members of the executive that lots have been purchased at our monthly meetings that were not as advertised ie Catalogue value much lower than put on lot ; stamp not the Scott # as put on the lot etc. Only a few of our members know their requirements by memory as to actual Scott # and/or price. In these cases the members are relying on the sellers for correct information as our scrutineers haven't the time to check each lot in detail. The Catalogue Auction is no problem due to our stringent rules in this regard but the monthly auctions are a different matter.
- Specific task nominations -- The president accepted names for specific duties in the Club and he will contact the people nominated to gain their acceptance ;
 - Librarian ---Hilda van Rooyen
 - Auditor --- Doug Allen
 - Coffee --- Jane Cooper
 - Auction Scrutineers --- Ken MacDonald, Dave Harvey,
Dave Cooper
 - 3rd Director --- To be announced at a later date, maybe
at the end of this Newsletter.

- Postal Museum -- The president announced that a reply has been received from one of our local MPs', Howard Crosby, in regards to our letter of concern about the closure of the National Postal Museum. This editor advised that the letter will be in June's edition of the Newsletter and of course all members are aware that the Museum is being relocated instead of being closed.
- Exhibition follow-up -- A review of the Exhibition was carried out and all agreed that it was a resounding success from an overall point of view --100 plus frames again, increased attendance, bourse attendees happy etc. The Lord Nelson has been booked for the 1986 show to be held on April 12th & 13th. Some adverse points were outlined but these will be cleared up by the responsible parties.

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EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Total Attendance :	Saturday, April 13th	352
	Sunday, April 14th	197
	Total	<u>549</u>

Entries :	Court of Honor	5 frames from 1 member
	Senior	84 frames from 19 members
	Junior	16 frames from 6 juniors
	Outside	6 frames from 2 outside exhibitors
	Total	<u>111</u> <u>28</u>

Canada Post : Canada Post didn't do too well this year only selling \$286.00 worth of stamps. They will be evaluating their situation before next year and advising the club of their findings.

Dealers : All the dealers were well pleased with the space allotted them and their sales. The extra costs for the space was acceptable with the increased attendance which was thought to be a result of the " no admission " decision for this year.

AWARDS

Seniors :

Gold : Bill Burden - The Small Queens of Canada

Silver : Alice Moore - Canadian Stamp Errors of the Queen Elizabeth era

Doug Casey - A German Vista

Les Sarkany - Aspects of a Police Topical

Marty Zelenietz - Australia used in Papua New Guinea

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1985 EXHIBITION-RANDOM JOTTINGS

Our 1985 Exhibition is now history and by any yardstick you want to apply it was a successful endeavour. The long hours of preparation spent by the many exhibitors and the Exhibition Committee have been rewarded in many ways. To some - it meant medals, others - honourable mention, a few - trophies, to many more - the joy of just having exhibited and to all other members who attended and the general public a better knowledge of the wonderful world of stamps. In addition a great many collections have been enhanced by purchases made during the two day show from the stocks of the dealers whose presence made the entire show possible.

It was a time for making new friends and renewing friendships of long standing. It gave us all the opportunity to promote the club and as a result several applications for membership were received. It was particularly rewarding to your Committee that over 500 people came through the doors, a very substantial increase over the exhibitions of recent years. In particular, the number of young people present was most gratifying and how about those exhibits of love mounted by the members of the Junior Stamp Club, weren't they just great? The future of stamp collecting in Nova Scotia will be in good hands, but it appears these may be female hands if the absence of any exhibits in the junior category by young men is any indication.

The initial presentations of the Halifax Herald Ltd. Nova Scotia Philatelic Heritage Awards by Rob Matthews could well usher in a new era of increased interest in the fascinating philatelic history of our Province. The Club is greatly indebted to the Halifax Herald Ltd. for these awards and to Rob Matthews for the excellent publicity he gave the Exhibition in his widely read column "Perforations".

In attendance at the show were collectors from such widely separated points as Yarmouth, Barrington Passage, Amherst, Truro, Fredericton, Sydney, St. John's and Bathurst to name a few. The quality of our Exhibitions is definitely improving and we look forward to attracting more visitors from outside the Metro area in future. It was nice to see several of our senior members present despite their absence from our regular meetings. They will know to whom I am referring and I hope they will regard this as a sincere invitation to have them return to full participatory membership in the club they have been associated with for so long.

The list of medals and awards will be published elsewhere in "Newsletter". I am sure it was not any easy job for the judges to reach their decisions and they are to be commended for a job well done. I chatted for a few minutes with Bill Burden whose display of Canada "Small Queens" netted him Gold. He told me this study has taken him over five years to assemble and that he would not have been able to do so without the help of several dealers and the research of others who have published their findings in the past. In any event the viewers who took time to study Bill's exhibit in depth are the real beneficiaries. The other Gold was awarded Collins Baugild for

his ever-fresh magnificent Nova Scotia Pence issues which greeted us in the Court of Honour as we entered the show. In the past many members have been awarded Gold qualifying them for exhibiting in the Court of Honour and it is to be hoped they will avail themselves of this privilege in future and give us all the opportunity to view and learn from their expertise and collecting acumen.

It was gratifying to learn from our supporting dealers that they were well pleased with the business they were able to conduct during the show and it is to be hoped they all made many new contacts that will result in future mutually satisfactory relationships. I know I, for one, transacted business for the first time with one of them that resulted in my obtaining material that enabled me to complete, yes complete, the basic issues of two countries. While on the subject of dealers, Connie Schwarz told me that this is the 12th consecutive year she and George have come over from St. John's to participate with us, now that is support.

The approximately 72 people attending the Saturday evening banquet were given the privilege of hearing words of wisdom and philatelic advice from Gary Lyon who has certainly made his mark in the stamp trade and a great many friends in the process. The meal was very good too and the company superb.

Those members who manned (or womanned) the club table met the greater number of people attending the show and were excellent ambassadors for the club. Their efforts in sales of the stamp design coasters and the draw tickets went a long way to reducing the drain on the club accounts so capably administered by Archie Thomas who held up his own at the end of the table busily exchanging his neatly completed membership cards for dues proffered by so many members.

We did not ask the ages of those attending, but I venture to guess the new daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rathbun was the youngest and even had we been levying an admission charge I feel virtually certain even the most mercenary club table attendant would have let her in free.

All who had any part to play in this year's exhibition have every reason to be proud of the results of their efforts. Now is the time to start planning our exhibits for 1986, so let's get cracking!

Doug Alling