

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings : Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, March 11th, 1986 -- 2000HRS ( 8PM )

NL Mailing Address : 1333 South Park Street, Apt 515, Halifax,  
N.S. B3J 2K9

## WANTED

### EXHIBITION ENTRIES

#### WE SUPPLY THE FRAMES - YOU SUPPLY THE PAGES

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO PUT A FRAME OR TWO IN THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION - IT COSTS NO MONEY, JUST SOME TIME. SEND YOUR ENTRY FORMS ( INCLUDED WITH THIS EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER ) TO BOB VAISON, PO BOX 3295, SOUTH POSTAL STATION " A ", HALIFAX, N.S. B3J 3M5, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 28th, 1986, OR EARLIER IF POSSIBLE. REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ENTER A FRAME OR MORE IN THE NON-COMPETITIVE SECTION. MORE INFORMATION ON THE EXHIBITION WILL BE FOUND LATER ON IN THE NEWSLETTER. REMEMBER THE DATES APRIL 12th & 13th.

#### 666. Program for the Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The program for the March 11th meeting, weather permitting, will be a talk by Lloyd MacPherson on early N.S. postmarks which are mostly on stampless covers. As stated in the January Newsletter this is bound to be an interesting and informative program. It's no good to pray for fine weather because we are outnumbered by teachers and students as we found out last time. As before, if Lloyd doesn't make it, a philatelic quiz will. In addition we'll have our normal monthly auction which have been picking up lately with better material and competitive bidding.

#### 667. Exhibition Watch -- Bob Fear :

Wait for it..The first meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club's Exhibition Committee met at the home of the Chairman, Bob Fear, on January 23rd and the second meeting is planned for early March -- the following outlines the planning to date ;

- Entries --- The entry forms are with this copy of the Newsletter and replies are requested to Bob Vaison by March 28th. Please note a change in regards to insurance this year. Due to the increase in rates for liability insurance, the club will not provide insurance as in the past few years. In effect, we are reverting to the position we were in about 3-4 years ago when insurance was not provided. We provide security guards during the off-hours and another coverage is the new security system in place with the method of setting up the frames with the use of end pieces on two frames back to back. We just can't afford to provide liability insurance this year.
- Juniors ---- Marilyn Murphy announced that the juniors are once again working hard at their planned entries and a total of 12 frames are expected. Members are reminded that as in past years, the juniors will be holding an auction on Saturday morning and they are always thankful for any material that we Seniors can donate to the cause. Members are asked to give what you can to Marilyn.
- Bourse ----- Gary Coolen announced that he has sent notices to about 56 dealers and to date has received positive reaction from five, two possibles are Lighthouse of Montreal and a firm from Saskatoon.
- Advertising - John Hall has announced that over \$300.00 of advertising has been sold for the booklet so if any members can help John with selling space, let him know.
- Judging ---- Ken MacDonald has accepted the position of Chairman of the judges - thanks Ken.
- Publicity -- Doug Allen has a poster produced by John Hall that he will reproduce and set up in different areas. Another Cable program may be in the making or last year's production run again or whatever Doug can work out in this respect. Perforations of course will do it's usually good job in bringing the event to the public.
- Banquet ----- Bob Fear has announced that the banquet will once again be held on the Saturday night, April 12th, featuring the Lord Nelson's famous " Chicken with all the trimmings ", price \$ 16.00 each and the guest speaker will be Dr. J.J. MacDonald, Academic Vice-President, St Francis Xavier University. Dr MacDonald has been a philatelist for many years and has published recently a book on " The Nova Scotia Post - Its Offices, Masters and Marks 1700-1867 ". —

Bob has asked members that plan to attend, please call Bob as soon as possible and let him know, don't leave it up to Bob to call you. Final date for reservations is April 5th but please don't leave it to the last minute.

Club Table - Any members that want to put in an hour or two at the Club Table are requested to give Dr Margaret DeWolfe a call and book your time and day in. It's a great way to meet old and new friends alike and provide a service to the Club during our annual event.

668. Nominations for the 1986-1987 NSSC Slate of Officers :

Following are the 1986-87 Nova Scotia Stamp Club slate of officers as selected by the nomination committee of Dave Cooper (Chairman), Gary Steele and Harry Steele. This slate of officers will be voted on at the April 3th meeting and nominations from the floor will be accepted as well :

President	Ron Lewis
1st Vice-President	George MacKenzie
2nd Vice-President	Marilyn Murphy
Recording Secretary	Peter Ineson
Corresponding Secretary	Hugh Rathbun
Treasurer	C. Archie Thomas
Newsletter Editor	
Director	John Hall
Director	Larry Hitz
Honorary Director	Collins Baugild
Past President	Bob Vaison

Note : The selection of the Honorary Director and Past President is automatic and of course no voting is done.

669. Catalogue Auction Results -- Bob Fear :

Mr. President :

Herewith is a report on the Annual Catalogue Auction for the year 1986 ;

Number in Attendance	53		
Number of bidders (successful)	22		
Number of Items	240		
Number of Items sold	188	--77%	
Number of Items unsold	55	--27%	
Number of sellers	18		
		<u>Sold</u>	<u>Unsold</u>
Number of Reserved Items	126	72	54
Number of unreserved items	114	113	1

Receipts \$ 1515.48

## Disbursements ;

10% tax	\$ 134.29	Receipts	\$ 1515.48
Sellers	\$1241.37	Expenses	\$ 1403.61
Expenses	\$ 27.95	Profit	\$ 111.87
	<u>\$1403.61</u>		

Respectfully Submitted Bob Fear

The Catalogue Auction Chairman wishes to thank the following for their help ;

Expertising Committee ...Dave Cooner & Gary Coolen  
 Auctioneers .....Peter Ineson & Stan Dunfield  
 Cashier .....Dr. Margaret DeWolfe  
 Clerks .....Heather MacKenzie, John Harvey & Larry Hitz  
 Registrar .....Anna Morris

670. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The February meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, February 17th, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- Manufacture of New Frames ; Peter Ineson was absent from the meeting but had advised the President that the new frames had still not been made but it was just a matter of time until the task is completed. He assured us that they would be ready for the Exhibition.
- Newsletter Editor Search ; We still have no definite replacement for yours truly, two members have shown interest but a definite decision cannot be made until other plans are finalized by themselves. In the meantime, we request other members think it over carefully and volunteer their services for this worthwhile Club publication.
- Exhibition Update ; Bob Fear outlined the plans to date which are all listed in the second page of the Newsletter.
- 1986 Catalogue Auction ; Bob Fear outlined the results of this year's Catalogue Auction which is found in pages 3 & 4 of this Newsletter. A spirited discussion was held by the Executive on the plus/minus factors in having these yearly " BIG " auctions as have many Executives over the past few years. The basic statement at the start was " It's a hell of a lot of work for a small profit ". The basic line is that it seems to be an auction for a very few people but it can't be classed as a " Club " auction because only 18 members put lots in, only 53 people ( not all members as it was open to the public ) attended and only 22 were successful in their bidding. Another topic discussed was that our expenses are not realistic and may not stay as low as past years ; what if we have to mail the catalogue seperately, what if we don't have a member that can get paper, typing, etc cheaply and so on. Maybe we should have one of our

monthly auctions designated as " bigger than usual ". There were no mail bidders this year and also about 110 lots were supplied by two members. Any further decision making has been left to the new Executive to follow in the September time period but if any members have any views be sure to bring them forward.

--- Upcoming Programs ; Ron Lewis announced the change in programming for the rest of the season ;

March Nova Scotia Cancellations by Lloyd MacPherson  
 April Annual Meeting followed by our second unreserved auction which was so popular in December.  
 May Postal History, early Halifax postmarks, by Ken MacDonald.  
 June Flea Market, another popular program.

--- Exhibition Dates for 1987 ; George MacKenzie announced that space has to be reserved at least a year in advance so we'd better chose the dates of the 1987 Exhibition and he'd book us in the Lord Nelson Hotel. The dates chosen were the 11th and 12th of April, 1987 - Easter is on the following weekend.

671. Membership :

The following have applied for membership in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

B.D. Loncarevic, 142 Shore Drive, Bedford, N.S. B4A 2E4  
 Bosko collects Canada & Yugoslavia  
Timothy Templeman, 1030 South Park St, Apt 310, Halifax, N.S. B3H 2W3. Timothy collects Canadian Mint, Plate Blocks & First Day Covers.  
Rev John Pace, 2145 Connaught Ave, Halifax, N.S. B3L 2Z2  
 Rev Pace collects Bermuda & Royalty on Covers.  
Philip Melanson, 36 Nelson Drive, Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 1Z7. Philip collects World Wide - in particular The Commonwealth, Western Europe & some Latin American countries.

672. The German Stamp Club of Nova Scotia :

Dear Mr MacKenzie ;

On Thursday, January 16th, 1986, a new club for those interested in collecting material and stamps on Germany and related areas was begun. Mr Doug Casey is our President, and he will act as our spokesman for a short time. My reason for sending you this letter is to request a short mention in the next volumn of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter.

The group is called " The German Stamp Club of Nova Scotia, and we meet on the third Thursday of the month in the boardroom of the Nova Scotia Museum at 7.30PM. If anyone is collecting presently, or is interested in collecting German stamps and related

material they are invited to attend our next meeting in March or contact Doug Casey at 422-2918 for further information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and help your column will be in attracting new members for our group.

Sincerely Yours,

John Harvey ( Sec't )

Ed's note : Doug Casey of course has had a column on German stamps in the Newsletter for quite some time now and is a welcome addition.

#### ADVERTISING

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#### 673. Questions & Answers -- Phil - A - Telic :

Dear Phil ;

Could you please tell me how I can remove scotch tape from used stamps without doing damage to the stamps. Thanks, Harry Steele.

Hear Harry ; My sources tell me that there is virtually nothing you can do to remove scotch tape from stamps. It seems the adhesive penetrates the paper of the stamp and cannot be removed without damaging the stamp. If the tape has been on the stamp for a short time sometimes careful use of lighter fluid may do the trick. One other source namely " Stamp Soaking Tips " by Will Kross suggests the following ; " Place the stamps face down in a shallow aluminum pan and cover with Energine Fireproof Spot Remover which contains Trichloroethane. Agitate by rocking the pan gently for about 60 seconds by tipping first one end and then the other. The tape usually slides off the stamps leaving a surprisingly large amount of the adhesive in the solution. The stamps may then be washed thoroughly and dried between clean blotters. Use this only as a last resort as some stamp colors and papers are affected by this method".

Perhaps some of our club members have had a successful experience in this area. Let Phil know and it will be shared with the rest of the club members.

Keep those letters and questions coming in -- Phil-A-Telic, 5890 Pine Hill Cres., Halifax, N.S. B3H 1E5.

Don't worry Doug, your Germany will be back in next month's Newsletter but that will finish off your first effort so you'd better start to work on the second section so it'll be ready after the exhibition and the new editor will be in place by that time.

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EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A PAGE OR TWO IN THE NON-COMPETITIVE SECTION.