

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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

Next Meeting : Tuesday, May 13th, 1986 -- 2000hrs ( 8PM )

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685. Former Editor's Farewell -- George MacKenzie :

On reflection, I am having quite a battle putting together this issue of the Newsletter as it will be my last one as editor. During the past six years, I have not only enjoyed the work involved in producing it but also the friendships and knowledge gained along the way although more than once the " enjoyment " turned to " panic " as the self-imposed deadline for issue loomed directly in front with still a blank page or two sitting on the desk. As stated in the January Newsletter, the time has come for another member to take part in one of the club's many support positions, not a professional but a person with a keen interest in the hobby and willing to take part in helping out the club.

The basic make-up of the Newsletter has changed little over the past six years ; printing of it was changed from St Mary's University to A.J. Copyrite, McLean Street ; cost of paper, envelopes and stamps of course has increased, as well as the cost of printing, number of issues has dropped from 250 to 220, but overall it has weathered these storms and although feedback is minimal, it's been of a positive nature which is the best kind for an editor. My thanks goes out to all who contributed articles, comments and suggestions with a special thanks to those regular copywriters ; Walter H.D. Horne's " Our Canadian Heritage ", Dave Cooper's " Cover of the Month ", Doug Allen's " Ireland ", Ron Lewis's " Phil - A - Telic " and most recently Doug Casey's " A German Panorama ".

The New Editor is " MARTY ZELENIEZ " -- To all of you who did not get your articles completed in time for use by me, I say to you = Get them ready for Marty -- Start Now. To all of you who have never tried writing a short article about your collecting interests -- Start Now. To all of you who have some great expertise in whatever aspect of philately -- Start Now. In whatever way you can, support Marty as he takes on the responsibility of this great Newsletter -- START NOW.

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

The program for the May 13th Meeting will be a talk on Postal History by Ken MacDonald featuring Halifax cancellations. Ken's talk will be supported by slides on his speciality and once again members should make an extra effort to get out as this type of program has always been very informative and entertaining. Ken of course has been involved in just about every aspect of our club having been the Program Chairman, President, RPSC Judge etc and is presently active in the Post Card Society as well as being the representative of the Postal History Society of Canada in the East Coast. Don't forget the date to be at the Museum ; May 13th, 1986, 8PM.

687. The President's Report -- Bob Vaison :

When we come to the end of a year's activities in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, it is both sobering and encouraging to recall that this fine organization has been thriving for more than sixty years and indeed was the first affiliate of the ( now Royal ) Philatelic Society of Canada. We carry on a respectable tradition as one of the larger and longest operating stamp clubs in Canada. I will present my remarks to you under a number of headings ;

Monthly Meetings -- As has been our norm for quite some time, we met on the second Tuesday of each month. Average attendance over the past year was about forty members, a most commendable figure. Under the able direction of our Program Chairman, Ron Lewis, each meeting featured appropriate philatelic edification as, for instance, an RPSC slide show, one-page exhibits, or well-appreciated talks by members of the Club. For contributing to the latter, special thanks are due to Doug Allen and Marty Zelenietz ( for their cable TV tape ). Marty again for " Stamps Used Abroad ", and Lloyd MacPherson for " Early N.S. Postmarks ". Each meeting as well, featured an auction of member's material and these were very competently handled by our two auctioneers, Peter Ineson and Stan Dunfield.

Annual Catalogue Auction -- Due to a low participation level by the membership coupled with the relatively high cost, your Executive initiated and continued debate on this subject. It was decided to proceed with the event this year in a manner designed to reduce costs, and it was well administrated by Bob Fear. It must be noted that there were only 18 sellers and 22 buyers, statistics that perhaps continue to raise questions about this undertaking and it's efficacy. Thanks are due to Peter and Stan for their usual competence in auctioneering.

1985 Annual Exhibition -- On a brighter note, I must report that this Exhibition was a success from just about all angles. We had over 100 frames of exhibits on display, and a large and active bourse. It was estimated that about 500 people attended. The hard-working members deserving of our commendation for the Exhibition were as follows ; General Chairman, Bob Fear ; Senior Exhibits, Bob Vaison ; Bourse, Gary Coolen ; Program Booklet, Hugh

Rathbun ; Layout/Design, Dave Harvey ; Judging, Marilyn Murphy ; Junior Exhibits, Marilyn Murphy ; Banquet, Bob Fear ; Club Table, Dr. Margaret DeWolfe ; Facilities, George MacKenzie and Publicity, Doug Allen.

Junior Club -- While this is not normally considered to be a part of our Club I want to draw attention to the considerable amount of unselfish work done by Marilyn Murphy with the juniors. Future philatelists are bred of such efforts and Marilyn deserves our support, which I know has been forthcoming from some senior members in the form of donations of stamps, literature and so forth.

Club Library -- Over the years our Club has built up quite a respectable library of philatelic volumes, all of which are available to members for study. I would like to thank Hilda van Rooyen for her diligent library management. Among others, J.J. MacDonald's new book on the Nova Scotia Post has been added to our collection.

Finances -- An important aspect of any volunteer organization such as ours is finances and their proper administration. We were fortunate again this year to have someone of the calibre and dedication of Archie Thomas for this task. His report will be presented separately. Mention should also be made here of our auditor, Doug Allen.

Club Newsletter -- I am sure you will agree with me that we all owe George MacKenzie a large debt of gratitude for his untiring editorship of our Newsletter. George is retiring from the position this year after serving long and well, and we will miss his warm and sometimes humorous touches. Putting out a Newsletter is no mean feat : George has done it well. We have given him time off for exemplary behaviour.

Club Secretaries -- In this domain we have been well served by two gentleman - feminists please note. Peter Ineson has dutifully recorded and preserved the minutes of both Club and Executive meetings, and has done so cheerfully. Hugh Rathbun has capably handled the responsibilities of corresponding secretary in like admirable manner.

Other Achievements and Items of Note -- This year, the Club drafted, discussed and implemented a new policy on Club Awards, one that should provide a sound basis in this area. Thanks are due again to indefatigable Marilyn Murphy and her ad-hoc committee.

Our annual Christmas Cheer auction last fall realized about \$263.00, all of which was donated by the Club to a pair of worthy charities. Many members contributed lots for this good cause.

A money-raising innovation this year were our philatelic coasters, which we sold at the Exhibition and at Club meetings. Virtually all have been disposed of, earning a tidy sum for Club expenses. Recognition must be accorded Hugh Rathbun for his work in this regard.

Enough by way of information and statistics. This fine Club of ours has always functioned at it's high level because of the volunteer efforts of some of it's members - this year is a good example. When future Executive call for people to assist with this or that function, please consider volunteering your help. I can report from my own involvement that it is a fine experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as your President, and I thank you for your support.

688. The Treasurer's Report -- Archie Thomas :

Due to the length of the treasurer's report, it will be condensed as in past years. Expenses which includes the Annual Exhibition (1985), Newsletter, Postage, Coffee Cups, Stamp Auctions etc came to \$ 7,434.30. Receipts which include Annual Exhibition (1985) and some from (1986), membership dues, Stamp Auctions etc came to \$ 7,223.99. All this came to a loss of \$ 210.31 for the year. Our present bank balance is \$ 5,186.92. One item of note is that membership due brought in \$ 1,907.41 while the cost of the Newsletter was \$ 1,771.93 which has been the norm for many, many years ; the membership dues covers the cost of the Newsletter.

689. Membership Dues -- Archie Thomas :

Don't forget, membership dues were due on April 1st, 1986. Send it to Archie Thomas \$10.00 North American, other countries \$15.00 -- Spouse Rate North American \$15.00, other countries \$22.50.

690. 1986-1987 NSSC Slate of Officers :

The slate of Officers outlined in item 676 of last month's Newsletter were accepted by the Membership at the April 8th meeting with the following addition -- Newsletter Editor ; Marty Zelenietz. The third Director will be chosen by the Executive at a later date, nominations will probably be put forward at the first meeting of the new Executive on April 21st.

691. A German Panorama -- Doug Casey :

( cont'd from Newsletter #159 )

For various reasons the Russians initiated a blockade of Berlin on June 24th, 1948. All goods had to be flown into and out of the Western sector. This was expensive and in order to assist in providing funds a tax of 2pf was levied on all postal matter in the Anglo-American Zones. This was subsequently extended to the French Zone and later the Federal Republic. The tax was denoted by the use of a small label which had no franking ability on its own but which was compulsory on all mail. There were certain exceptions to requirements for it's use. Earliest issues were imperforate and there are colour and perforation varieties, with the result that it provides a study within itself. It was required for use generally from December 1st, 1948, to March 31st, 1956, although there were variations in certain areas.



Ed's Note : A wrap-up of Doug's first section on Germany will appear in the next Newsletter outlining the numerous philatelic possibilities to be found in a study of this country.

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EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Total Attendance :	Saturday, April 12th	216	( estimated )
	Sunday, April 13th	175	
		<u>391</u>	

Entries :	Court of Honor	20 frames from 4 members
	Senior	62 frames from 13 members
	Junior	12 frames from 7 juniors
	Outside	2 frames from 1 outside exhibitor
	Total	<u>96</u> <u>25</u>

Dealers : Once again all the dealers were well pleased with the space and position allotted to them. The local dealers were well pleased with their sales but as usual those from outside the area, who had the expense of accommodation to contend with were disappointed with the turnout.

AWARDSSeniors :

Gold : Winston MacIntosh - Scotland on Stamps : Caledonia  
Eureka

Silver : Les Sarkany - Aspects of a Police Topical  
Marty Zelenietz - Papua New Guinea Postal  
Stationary, 1953-1985  
Doug Casey - A German Panorama  
Hugh Bignell - Imperial Oil

Bronze : Bob Fear - 1967-73 Definitive Issue  
Robert Wentzell - St. Pierre & Miquelon - Airmails

Court of Honor Gold :  
George Robertson - The Pence Issues of Nova Scotia  
Bill Burden - Small Queens of Canada  
Graham McCleave - 2¢ and 5¢ Registration Cancels  
and covers  
Ross Walker - Large Queens and Large Queen Covers

JUNIORS

Philatelic 1st : Jane Soderro - Machin Heads

Topical 1st : Sarah Glover - The Magic of Christmas Over  
My First Ten Years

The Bill Stephenson Award for best British Colonies except Canada and Provinces was won by Marty Zelenietz.

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of philately in Nova Scotia was won by George MacKenzie.

There were no winners of the Halifax Herald Limited Nova Scotia Philatelic Heritage Award in either the Senior or Junior Exhibits.

There was no winner of the Novice Award this year.

The positive aspects of this year's show once again are many and the only item that could use more participation is in the Senior exhibiting. Last year 19 members put in 84 frames but instead of increasing this year it was reduced to only 62 frames by 13 members. The overall frame total last year was 111 by 28 members while this year it was 96 frames by 26 members. The good news was the Court of Honor which had 15 additional frames this year. Once again the set-up went like clockwork and it was finalized by 8.30 and the judges were able to go home fairly early. As always, many thanks to Ken, Marilyn and Stu for the outstanding job done in selecting the winners.

At this time, I would like to thank the Chairpeople of the 1986 Exhibition for their time and co-operation over the past months as well as their concentrated efforts in the last days prior to the Exhibition ...Senior Exhibits - Bob Vaison, Junior Exhibits - Marilyn Murphy, Program/Advertising - John Hall, Publicity - Doug Allen, Judging & Awards - Ken MacDonald, Bourse - Gary Coolen & Gary Steele, Club Table - Dr. Margaret DeWolfe, Layout/Design - Matt Somers/Dave Harvey, Facilities - George MacKenzie and Banquet - Anna Morris.

Thanks again to the membership for their support and interest shown.

Bob Fear, Exhibition Chairman.

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WANTED -- To Buy or Trade for Canadian precancels, King George VI 1937-38 issue covers and Canadian Postal Guides. Send photocopies or letters to Gary Steele, 21 Matador Crt., Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 3G9.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Your editor received the following letter recently -  
Dear Mr. MacKenzie : Am afraid this letter to you is long overdue, so after receiving your Newsletter the other day decided to write to you to tell you that my husband, Hollis A. Renton died May 23rd, 1984. He always had an interest in stamps and enjoyed receiving the Newsletter.

Irene Renton, Alameda, Calif.

693. Membership :

The following have requested membership in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

Reginald T. Shortall, 5655 Cabot Street, Halifax, N.S. B3K 2J9 -- Reginald collects Canada.

Jean-Guy Lederer, St. Pamphile, L'Islet County PO Box 129, Quebec, GOR 3X0 -- Jean-Guy collects so many topicals you'll have to write him to get the list or ask Hugh Rathbun for it at the next club meeting.

Nik Dambergs, 6315 Jubilee Road, Halifax, N.S. Nik collects the Baltic States and is interested in the sale of any West European collection as well as Canada.

694. Executive Meeting -- Minutes :

The first meeting of the newly elected Executive of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was held on Monday, April 21st, 1986. The following items of business were brought forward and discussed ;

Coasters -- Evidently the final seven coasters were sold at the Exhibition. Hugh Rathbun was not present at the meeting but the remaining sets were sold early and we could have sold more if they had been available. As a result the Executive will be looking at purchasing probably another 100 in the fall as a set series has been produced featuring birds. The coasters have been a money earner for the club so should be followed up.

3rd Director -- As it is the Executive's responsibility to select the third director, four names were put forward in order of preference and the President will contact the applicable people so see who will accept this position.

Volunteer Positions -- It is also the Executive's duty to select members to fill numerous positions so the following members will be contacted to see if they will look after specific duties ; Program Organizer - John Hall (firm, he has accepted ), Auctioneers - Pete Ineson & Stan Dunfield, Librarian - Hilda Van Rooyan, Auditor - Doug Allen, Expertizers - Marilyn Murphy and Marilyn will get at least one more, Auction Table - Ron Lewis & Larry Hitz, Coffee - Jane Cooper and Archivist - Marilyn Murphy. With the exception of John Hall, other members selected for positions may have a reason for not accepting so don't feel bad if you've been left out at this time, we may be back.

Membership -- George Mackenzie announced that Club has dropped from 250 to about 212 in the past few years and he volunteered his services to try and get more new members. This would involve a special new members meeting in mid-September with two or three Executive members outlining all the advantages of the club and the facilities and programs available. Another responsibility would be to get pertinent information from interested parties before each meeting and introduce new members or interested collectors instead of having them introduce themselves as is now the procedure. In a

brief discussion other Executive members felt this was a good idea as they have noticed that new members are sort of shunted aside if they don't have that specific speciality and a lot of new people will stay in their seat when the President calls for new members to arise. Approval was given George to come up with a position name and procedures he will follow.

Bidding on your own lots -- The President announced that he had been requested to bring this item forward as to the pros and cons of bidding on your own lots. After a spirited discussion it was decided that any member that puts material in any of our auctions should not attempt to set a specific price on it by bidding it up. In the case of a reserve bid auction, put the reserve bid at the price you want, if it's an unreserved auction, don't put it in if you want a certain price for it. The decision of the Executive is that anybody found bidding on their own material will be notified by the President that they have lost the privilege of putting material in our auctions

695. Questions & Answers -- PHIL - A - TELIC :



Dear Phil ; Why the Overprint ? For what occasion ?  
Are they considered a revenue stamp ? How many were overprinted ?  
Wondering

Dear Wondering ; I have wondered this one around for quite some time and the only answers I can come up with have come from an not so old sage. The overprint was an official one done by Canada Post for a show in Montreal. This was the first and only time Canada Post did this and they are not considered a revenue stamp. The total amount overprinted is not definately known but it is believed to be in the order of 20,000 perhaps.

Don't forget to write PHIL-A-TELIC with any questions and if anybody has more information on the overprints above feel free to distribute your knowledge to both Phil and Wondering as well as the rest of the Club.

CANADA POST ISSUES --	9 May	Canadian Forces Postal Service	34¢
	22 May	Birds	4 X 34¢
	27 June	Canada Day, Science & Technology	4 X 34¢
	23 July	CBC	34¢
	29 August	Exploration	4 X 34¢

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*George Markos*