

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month, at the Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax. 8:00 PM. No meetings July and August.

Next Meeting: 10 June 1986.

Newsletter mailing address: 33 Beech St., Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 1Y6

696. Programme Information.

May meeting: Ken MacDonald enlightened and entertained members with his slide presentation on the postal history of Halifax. Ken concentrated on particularly interesting covers and cancellations in his collection, providing the audience with intriguing background information on the items shown. The well-received presentation stimulated much discussion and many questions from the audience, and Ken handled the questions with an ease that many of our public figures would envy. We thank Ken for yet another contribution to the Club.

June meeting: The meeting for 10 June features a popular recurrent event in the Club calendar, the Philatelic Flea Market. This is the chance for you to trade those duplicates of yours for items that have eluded you. You'll also get a chance to buy from and sell to Club members. The auditorium will be opened up, and tables provided. Those bringing large quantities of material are asked to bring their own tables.

697. Newsletter News

The new editor of the NSSCNL wishes to announce two vacancies for associate editors. The title is the best, and most impressive, part of the job. Duties will consist mainly of helping the editor stuff, stamp and seal the monthly mailing of the Newsletter. This will take about one evening a month. Remuneration will consist of the prestige and esteem derived from the post, and an occasional cup of coffee. Those interested should contact Marty Zelenietz at 463-0687. Don't delay, call today!

The editor is also looking for people to contribute articles, notes, news, etc., to the Newsletter. A short article on your

favorite stamps or specialization is a great way to actively contribute to the Club. By writing about what you collect, you share your knowledge with others, and broaden their collecting horizons. We've all benefitted from Doug Casey's long-running series on Germany (which, by the way, is wrapped up later in this issue). We need more pieces like this, both long and short, to make the Newsletter even more informative than it now is. So while you've got some spare time over the summer, put together a couple of pages on something near and dear to your collecting heart, and send it to Marty at the Newsletter mailing address. As the editor, he'll go over it for content and style, and get back to you if any changes need to be made. Get your start as a philatelic writer now!

698. Dues Reminder

Before people disperse for the summer holidays, we'd like to remind you that your annual dues were due as of 1 April 1986. If you haven't paid yet, please do so before you forget. The membership schedule is as follows: North America, \$10.00; other countries, \$15.00; spouse rate North America, \$15.00; and spouse rate other countries \$22.50. Dues are payable to C. Archie Thomas. You can pay him at the June meeting, or send your dues to him at 12 Fleming Drive, Halifax, N.S. B3P 1A9.

699. Phil-A-Telic

With the recent changes in Executive members, Newsletter editors, etc., at this time of year, Phil-A-Telic felt a little left out, so there has been a change there. The name has not changed, the idea remains the same, but a new person lurks behind the mask which so cleverly concealed Phil's identity over the past few years.

Phil's column started out as part of a "Back-to-Basics" programme devised by an Executive of a few years ago. Many Club members mentioned they had questions they wanted answered but felt were too basic to bring up at a Club meeting. The Solution: Phil-A-Telic. If you have any questions about any facet of stamp collecting, send it to Phil and he'll research the answers through his ever-helpful group of noted philatelists who are only too happy to help. If you don't want your name printed with your question, Phil will preserve your anonymity. Phil's column will only be as good as you, the members, make it. Don't make Phil make up the questions himself: he doesn't know what you want to know. Make Phil work. Write to him: you may have a query that also puzzles numerous members who won't take the time to write and ask.

Let's start off the new season in September in fine style: spend a little time between now and then to put a question on paper and send it to Phil's new address: 1333 South Park Street, Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9 (sound familiar?).

Private Postal Services: These local posts are plentiful and cover the period from 1861 (Hamburg) until after 1900.

Metered Mail: An area of increasing popularity.

Postal Stationery: Always popular with collectors.

Booklet Panes: These are often collected as a specialty, as well as with sheet and coil stamps.

First Day Sheetlets: Issued for collectors since 1975, they provide, along with first day covers, a source of philatelic material.

Commemorative Sheets: These have been issued regularly, and have been collected by themselves or along with standard issue stamps.

Perfins: These are another popular item, not only from Germany but worldwide.

Miscellaneous: Experimental rocket mail, forgeries (colonial, domestic, and the World Wars), labels, pneumatic post, field post and other military mail, Sea Post cancels, and the latest automatic franking.

The foregoing coverage will, I hope, kindle an interest in some Club members to include some area of Germany in their collections. It is appropriate, to close this article, to include a review of the material presented over the past year.

Stampless covers of German States

Stampless covers of Thurn and Taxis

German States 1849-1923

German Empire 1872-1918

Weimar Republic 1918-1933

Inflation Period 1918-1923

Hitler Period 1933-1945

Joint Allied Occupation February 1946 to May 1948

Bizonal (American and British Zones) March 1945 to February 1946, Mid 1948 to August 1949

French Occupation Zone December 1945 to March 1950

Russian Occupation Zone including locally issued stamps

Tax Stamps (Support Berlin Blockade) Anglo-American Zones, later West Germany

Federal Republic of Germany 1949 to present

German Democratic Republic 1949 to present

City of Berlin prior to first issue September 1848

City of Berlin, Western Sector 1948 to present.

701. Membership

The following have applied for membership in the Nova Scotia Stamp club:

Albert W. Burditt, 6289 Yale St., Halifax, N.S., B3L 1C9.
Albert collects Canada.

Klaus Hellenbrand, 33 Anderson St., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 2T6.
Klaus collects Germany and Canada.

The following applicants have been approved for membership:

#827. Reginald T. Shortall

#828. Jean-Guy Lederer

#829. Nik Damberg

Members who move or otherwise change their address are kindly requested to inform the editor of the Newsletter as soon as possible of the address change. Canada Post provides interesting and collectable forms for the purpose, and use of the form will assure your continued and timely receipt of this fine publication.

702. Executive Meeting

The Executive of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club met on 21 May 1986, and welcomed the new 3rd Director, Elizabeth Sodero. The first order of business, after approving the minutes of the previous meeting, was confirming most of the holders of the volunteer positions (see last Newsletters for a complete list). Georgie Somers will take over the coffee service from Jane Cooper, but Georgie would like someone to assist her, and cover for her when she can't make it.

Fundraising Hugh Rathbun gave his report on the coasters, which have sold out completely and earned a tidy profit for the Club. The Executive discussed the possibility of purchasing another quantity of coasters with a new philatelic design, but generally expressed hesitation, as it was felt the coaster market might be saturated. Hugh will look into another possibility, a philatelic calendar. Because of its dated nature, the calendar will require a different sales treatment (probably pre-orders) than did the coasters.

New Frames The Executive had a long discussion on the desirability of actually manufacturing the new frames for which funds have already been provided. Various difficulties prevented the new frames from being made this year, and the number of frames used (and unused) at this year's exhibition would suggest the Club has an adequate supply. It was pointed out that the number of exhibitors, and frames used, fluctuates from year to year, and what was more than enough one year might be insufficient the next. Additionally, some older frames are warped, and probably need replacement. Dave Cooper will be asked to inventory the current stock of frames, and Peter Ineson will look into making an as-yet undetermined number of new frames with the allocated funds.

Membership George MacKenzie proposed 30 September as the date for the get-together function for the new members. Further plans are

pending. Ron Lewis raised the issue of the number of members in the Club. Consensus was that while overall numbers show a slight decline the past few years, the turnout at the monthly meetings has stabilized at a good number: the Club has a solid core of active members, and a recruitment campaign is not needed at this time.

Awards All awards from this year's exhibition have been engraved. Marilyn Murphy will look into the matter of the keepsake trophies from previous years.

Auction Ron reported that nobody bid on their own lots.

Exhibition Report The final report is not yet in, as the chairman has yet to receive all the reports and information due him. The Executive did not want to do a lengthy analysis of the exhibition without the report in hand. In a brief discussion, some concern was expressed over the venue: George MacKenzie and Bob Vaison will look into alternatives over the summer. There was also mention made of the show publicity, and possible competition from the Home Show.

Catalogue Auction The Executive discussed the implications of the members' mandate to them for a "large" auction to replace the annual catalogue auction. The catalogue auction has shown limited utility in recent years, and a Club vote provided that a large auction in the fall (without catalogue) replace it. This presents several difficulties, in terms of time, organization, expertization, etc. The matter is still under consideration.

Juniors The Executive approved Marilyn Murphy's suggestion that the Juniors become an affiliate of Canada Post's new stamp club for young people.

Royal Because of the Royal's somewhat strange regulations, mail for our Club (a Royal affiliate) must be sent to a Club member who is also a Royal member. Marilyn Murphy volunteered to serve as the conduit.

The next Executive meeting will be held on 18 August 1986.

ADVERTISING

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The Executive wishes all Club members a warm and enjoyable summer. See you at the June meeting, and again in September.