

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



NEWSLETTER

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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: 14 April 1987.

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Annual Exhibition

This is the last Newsletter you'll receive before our Annual Exhibition, scheduled for 11 and 12 April at the Lord Nelson Hotel, from 10 AM to 5 PM on both days. Elsewhere in the Newsletter you'll find updated information on the schedule, the banquet, and all the other various facets of the show. We still need volunteers to help set up and take down the exhibits, to man the Club Table, and to aid with other tasks. We also still need exhibitors. The show, as a philatelic exhibition, is only as good as the exhibits shown by the members. To make ours a first class production, we need a variety of exhibits. We need participation by our members- yes, by you!!!! Come out of the closet, and let your collection see the light of day. Put in a display and share you collecting pleasure with your fellow philatelists. You still have time to give Doug Casey a call (422-2918) or to fill out the entry form in last month's Newsletter and send it in. Don't wait- do it now!!!

Programme Notes

Our March 10th programme featured a presentation by Tim Outhit of ADT Security Systems on how to protect our homes and collections from theft. Les Sarkany, our own member of Halifax's finest, added his expertise with comments and suggestions. The auction that followed the coffee break saw more than 90% of the tendered lots sold, for total sales of \$320. The Club realized \$36.30 from commissions and lots donated for the auction.

Our next meeting, on 14 April, will be the Club's annual general business meeting. In addition to electing next year's officers (for the nominated slate, see last month's Newsletter), we will discuss our annual financial statement and general business related to the Club's functioning. Following the meeting, we will have our usual auction.

Exhibition Watch, by George MacKenzie

The 1987 Stamp Exhibition is close at hand, and a final plea is put forward for participation by Club Members in numerous areas such as Senior Exhibits, Banquet, and the Club Table. The final meeting of the Exhibition Committee was held on 23 March and all Chairpeople are looking forward to another great Exhibition. Club members are requested to attend at least once during the show to renew old friendships, study the exhibits, and visit the bourse, which this year will have 10 dealers (3 of them new to our Exhibition) and Canada Post. The programme for the three days is as follows:

Friday, 10 April	6-7 PM	Receive entries
	6-9 PM	Set-up
	9-?	Judging
Saturday, 11 April	10 AM	Exhibition opens
		Juniors meet with Canada Post
		Canada Post counter opens
	10:15 AM	Junior Auction
	2 PM	Canada Post counter closes
	5 PM	Exhibition closes for the day
	6:30 PM	Reception/Cash Bar
	7 PM	Banquet, featuring Doug Allen as Guest Speaker
Sunday, 12 April	10 AM	Exhibition opens
		Canada Post counter opens
	2 PM	Canada Post counter closes
	5 PM	Exhibition closes
		Take-down

Senior Exhibits: As of 12 March, we had only 57 frames from 11 members, plus 6 for the Court of Honour and 10 from the Juniors for a total of 73 frames. We should have between 80 and 100 frames so please send you entry forms to Doug Casey or give him a call at 422-2918.

Frames: Those members requiring frames ahead of time should arrange for pick up with Doug Casey at 422-2918. Frames cannot be delivered to you, so if you can't pick them up make sure you are at the hotel at 6 PM, Friday, 10 April, with your exhibit ready for framing.

Set-up: Members are requested to bring their frames and/or entries to the Lord Nelson Hotel as close to 6 PM as possible on Friday, 10 April. We hope to have the judging done that evening, and can only do that if the frames are in position.

Advertising/Program: John Hall reports that advertising revenue for the program is now up to \$750, with many ads from new sources being received.

Club Table: We still need people for the Club Table. This will only take an hour of your time on either day of the Exhibition. Items available at the Club Table this year will be our program, membership admission forms, membership cards for early bird dues payers, and the

door prize, which will be an 8 page stockbook donated by Lighthouse.

Award Presentations: The Chairman of the judges will give a talk assessing the quality of this year's competitive entries and introduce the award winners at the banquet. If judging takes place as planned on Friday night, the awards may be engraved in time for actual presentation at the banquet. If not, the presentations of the completed awards will be made at the April or May meetings.

Banquet: The reception will be held in the Georgian Room at 6:30 PM, Saturday, 11 April, followed by the Annual Banquet from 7 to 9 PM. The menu will feature the Lord Nelson's famous chicken dinner with all the trimmings, dessert and coffee. The Guest Speaker will be our own famous photographer and "Ole Nova Scotia Philatelist", Doug Allen, who can be counted on to provide us with a superb helping of wit and philatelic knowledge.

Banquet Tickets: Make reservations for the Banquet by calling Bob Vaison at 422-4828 or Anna Morris at 422-5641 in the evenings (Bob will be away until 28 March) and pick up your tickets at the Exhibition. The price is \$16 each, same low price as last year. Please note that the deadline for reservations or cancellations is Wednesday, 8 April. Those attending should bring their tickets because a door prize will be donated by one of our dealers and won by some lucky member or guest. We need more banquet attendees so please reserve a ticket or two. It will be an evening of great entertainment, great food, great people, and one of our own as guest speaker.

If you haven't planned to do anything for the Exhibition, please take a look at helping out in at least one area: enter an exhibit, work at the Club table, attend the Banquet, or help out at the set-up on Friday evening. It's your Club, your Exhibition, and your Responsibility to help out at this time. Give George MacKenzie a call at 422-5514 (evenings) to volunteer your time.

BNAPS Update

For those of you interested in the upcoming BNAPS meeting in Charlottetown, Ron Lewis has passed on this letter from Jim Lehr.

Dear Ron,

Sorry it has taken so long to firm up the details on exhibits at BNAPEX 87. Since I will have space for only 60-60 frames, the exhibit will be by invitation. In this way we will insure a varied exhibition, two frame for each. I hope this will not make you and others in the NSSC decide not to come. Incidentally, if you can recommend some people to make a good 2 frame showing on N.S. and one on N.B. please let me know quickly. It can be either all from one collection or from several collections, just so it is stated and each exhibit would be the responsibility of one person to put together, install, and take down. There will be a writeup on this in the next Topics. My interest here is not to go to people who usually have shown these various selected areas.

If you are interested in showing a small amount of material at BNAPEX 87, get in touch with Ron (423-1780) so he can recommend you.

Lewis

Jim Lehr

Cover of the Month

This regular feature of the Newsletter has, over the past couple of years, shown that covers need not be old, scarce or monetarily valuable to be of interest and value to collectors. This month's cover (actually, cancellation) is a case in point. By now, all of us should be aware of the devastating impact of the viral disease AIDS (Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome). Today, AIDS has no cure, and is invariably fatal. Because AIDS is transmitted through sexual contact, and was originally identified in social and sexual minorities, it has presented moral and social, as well as medical, problems for our community. Indeed, we see those problems now, as television broadcasters debate the merits of running public health announcements on how to protect oneself from AIDS, and how to stop the spread of this pernicious disease. Canada is just beginning attempts at public education. Great Britain has had a well-publicized education campaign for several months.

By air mail
Paravion



Jill Grant



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AIDS
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The campaign in the United Kingdom permeates even the postal system, as many locations are now using the slogan cancel "AIDS/ Don't die of/ ignorance". Above are illustrated two uses of this cancel, both on airmail letters to Canada. One is from Perth in Scotland, and the other shows a clear strike of the machine cancel on the back of a letter from Reading, Berkshire. A total public effort, such as the U.K.'s, is probably the best defense against the spread of the disease. One wonders if Canada Post will be enlisted in the battle here, and we might soon have our own "AIDS covers"?

Members' Notes

Walter Horne, our staunch member living in the wilds of Upper Canada, writes with the following query:

"Is there anyone who might have covers from business companies of Halifax? I am looking for covers from Moirs Candy Factory, E. Bert Batson (From a Needle to An Anchor), Phinney's Music Store, Gordon B. Isnor, Casino Theatre, Ben's Bakery and Worth's Drug Store." Walter is looking for covers franked with a king or queen, and can be reached at Box 363, Adelaide St. Station, Toronto, Ont., M5C 2J5.

Phil-A-Telic

Phil still hasn't received any answers to his queries on Russian red phosphorous tagged stamps, or the special Glace Bay handstamp shown last month. Maybe due to the hard winter this year, members have gone into hibernation and will wake up in a month or two: please read on.

Dear Phil,

I was soaking off a quantity of modern New Zealand stamps recently and was rather disconcerted to find that the water had turned quite milky. Perhaps some Club member can furnish an explanation.

Phil replies: I'm using this invented question as a lead in to a change of trend for this column, seeing that no questions or answers are coming from members. I'll summarize some material I've read on soaking, and from now on, I'll feature items of interest. Of course, I'll always be open to questions, as that is what this column is supposed to be all about.

SOAKING- Most folks would say there's nothing to it-- just bung the lot in a basin of water then lay them out to dry on sheets of blotting paper. But there is more to it than that: should the water be hot, warm or cold? Should one leave the stamps til they literally float off? Using the later on some Great Britain Wildings recently it seemed as though an assortment of "thins" had been left but that supposes the wording of "thins" had been interpreted correctly.

In early days, life seemed to be much simpler as the vast majority of stamps were intaglio, letterpress or lithographed and unless they were on chalk-surfaced paper, you were usually safe in soaking the stamps in warm water. The chalk-surfaced stamps, such as the GB Edwardians, were, of course, clearly indicated in the stamp catalogues. If in doubt, one could test for chalk by marking the stamp carefully with a silver coin. Nowadays the coins aren't silver so they are no use for this purpose, but there are special silver-tipped pencils which can be employed expressly for checking this feature. Later, however, it was found out that all De La Rue surface printed stamps should be approached with caution, on account of such ingredients as single and double fugitive inks- aqueous (water-based) inks deliberately used to foil attempts to wash off the cancellation. (To be continued). Remember, Phil still wants questions and answers. Send them to 1333 South Park St., Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9.

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

If you have been thinking about joining the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC, "The Royal"), now might be the time to do it. This year, at CAPEX 87, the Royal celebrates 100 years of organized stamp collecting in Canada. By joining the Royal through the NSSC, as opposed to unaffiliated joining, you help the NSSC pay it's Royal dues, and even receive a rebate. If you are interested, call Marilyn Murphy at 455-3432, or pick up an application at the April meeting or the Club Table at the Annual Exhibition.

Exhibition Banquet

The Annual Exhibition Banquet of the NSSC will be held Saturday, 11 April, in the Admiralty Room of the Lord Nelson Hotel. The time is 7 PM, with a cash bar in the adjacent Georgian Room from 6:30. Tickets are \$16 per person, the same bargain prices as last year! Tickets can be reserved from Anna Morris (422-5641, evenings) or Bob Vaison (422-4828, evenings); note that Bob will be away 14-28 March. Reserved tickets can be picked up and paid for at the Club Table at the Exhibition on Saturday the 11th, but your reservations must be made by 8 April as the hotel must be notified of the number of people planning to attend. Remember, our guest speaker will be our own entertaining Doug Allen. Plan on being there, and call now for reservations!

Executive Meeting

The March meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held in the Patrick Power Library, St. Mary's University, on Monday, 16 March. Marilyn Murphy presented an update on correspondence with the Royal- nothing yet on the judging policy, and some changes in the benefits the Club derives from Royal affiliation. Marilyn also reported that Canada Post will be at the Annual Exhibition for a presentation to the Juniors, to give out memberships, and to solidify the Junior's affiliation with the Canada Post club for young collectors.

Ron Lewis summarized recent correspondence with the BNAPS people regarding their September gathering in Charlottetown.

George MacKenzie presented his report on the Exhibition (the bulk of which may be found above, in the Exhibition Watch). He said that the Club Table was well-manned, with only a few blank spots yet to be filled. There was some discussion amongst the members of the Executive as to just whom the Exhibition is for: it seems that most of the Exhibition Committee Chairpeople are also members of the Executive, and many of those are also exhibitors. Where are the other 180 Club members that live in the Halifax-Dartmouth area in all this? Consensus was that we need to get greater member participation. There was also some discussion on the need for long-range planning of Annual Exhibitions for the next few years.

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