

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Newsletter

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

Next Meeting: October 13, 1987

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## SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

The first meeting of the season was a rousing success. The highlight of the evening was Collin Baugild's signing of the roll of the Royal Philatelic Society. Collins, J. J. Macdonald, and George Robertson were photographed with Senator Henry Hicks.

This was a hard act to follow yet the worthy Senator Hicks enthralled us with his talk on CAPEX 87. The field ran high with exhibits valued in the millions of dollars. Senator Hicks gave the impression that perhaps the average collector might have been put off by so many expensive rarities, yet to see them all together must have been a treat.

In October be sure to be there to hear Charlie Rutt talk of his experiences on the inside of the post office, and on the street as a letter carrier.

## DO YOUR DUTY, DUES ARE DUE!

Remember, the Oct. 31st cutoff date is fast approaching. Please pay all dues to Archie Moore, Club Treasurer.

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## MEMORIAL

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Club member Bernie Scott. The Executive and Members of the Club offer their condolences. He will be missed by all.

## A VERY GOOD MONTH

According to reliable sources, October is National Stamp Collecting Month. Down with postal meters! Use Stamps!

EDITORIAL

Finding A Speciality

When embarking upon your first philatelic journey, choose a destination. It is easy to purchase a large packet of worldwide stamps and a larger worldwide album. Is it wise? I think not.

Attend a meeting of the Stamp Club, talk to people, snoop around. Go to the library, read books, study catalogues. Browse the bourse, delve into your dealer's domain. Don't spend a dime until you've answered the vital question, "What do I collect?".

The answer shouldn't be "Just stamps.". What country, what century, even what issue, all are worth considering. Choose an angle!

Stick to your chosen field. Resist impulses to wander through other countries, dabble in topicals, or pick up a few first day covers. Lay your foundation!

Focus is important. A definite, attainable goal gives a sense of accomplishment to your collection. A sharply defined field of interest can cut your collecting budget, or give added punch to your stamp dollars. Go deep, not wide.

Within a few years you will build a first rate collection. Opportunities for exhibitions will present themselves. Ultimate salability should increase, if that is also your goal. Your pleasure will be enhanced as you dig deeper into your chosen field. Research, papers, perhaps even a book. All are possible. Specialize! Get started now!

CANADA POST: THE PLACE THAT LAUNCHED HOW MANY STAMPS?

As you probably already know, the September 1st Air Canada Stamp Launch was cancelled due to feared union demonstrations. What you may not know is that a second Stamp Launch due to take place on Oct. 1 has been postponed due until sometime in 1988. As far as I can tell there has been some production problems with the stamp, a Canadian Art issue, the first of a series. The fifty cent stamp is to display the painting "The Young Reader" by Ozias Leduc. It promises to be a beautiful stamp when we finally see it.

REMAINING 1987 STAMPS

Oct. 13	Commonwealth	36¢	Nov 2	Christmas	31¢, 36¢, 44¢, 72¢
Nov. 13	Olympics	36¢ (setenant)	Nov. 20	Grey Cup	36¢

USE STAMPS!

### TRURO PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

The 1987 Truro Philatelic Society Annual Show will be held on Oct. 24 at the Glengarry Motor Inn. I hope to see many NSSC members in attendance. Admission for the exhibition is free. There will be a bourse, of course, and a banquet afterwards. Admission to the banquet is \$12.50 before Oct. 5 and \$15.00 cost for tickets bought after Oct. 5. Rob Matthews (Perforations) will be guest speaker.

### STAMP TABLE

The semiannual Antique Show and Sale, will be held at the Halifax Shopping Center from Oct. 21 to Oct. 24. The Things Of Interest stamp table will be there as always, so plan to attend. Tell them who sent you.

### CLIPPINGS

Watching your weight? Remember that the gum on the back of of a postage stamp has one tenth of a calorie. Writer's Digest Aug. 1987. (Hmm. I wonder how many a hinge has? - Ed.)

The Financial Post warns that Florida boilerrooms selling "rare" stamps and coins over the telephone are on the upswing. They are surprisingly active in Montreal, but I haven't heard of any in Nova Scotia. Just in case, hear are the facts.

Names are acquired from mailing lists of stamp and coin magazines, dealers, or newsletters. Usually a late night call is involved, and a fabulous "bargain" that is "to good to be true.". Any such telephone calls should be reported to the RCMP. Don't give your credit card number over the telephone. If you are interested in what they have to offer, ask them to send it to you on approval. Most reputable dealers would be happy to oblige.

### MEMBERSHIP

The following have been accepted as members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club;

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- #856 Kenneth W. Daley, Box 220, Barrington Passage,  
Shelbourne Co., NS.

### NEXT ISSUE

BNAPS- EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE; CHRISTMAS STAMPS = NEW ARTICLE

### EXHIBITION JUDGING

(Excerpted from Vol. 19, No. 172)

By Ken MacDonald

Locally, the judges try to encourage collecting and exhibiting by awarding medals to those exhibits which show merit in the appropriate categories. Judges may reclassify exhibits (e.g., from BNA to Postal History), and grant lesser awards to those exhibitors who, although not deserving of a medal, should be encouraged to develop their exhibits.

The Presentation or format used to show the material should be pleasing to the eye, consistent, and follow one frame to the next. Remember that filled frames guide the interest but crowded frames lose it.

Research and Study should show an understanding deeper than catalogue numbers of the use of or reason for issuing the stamp. Deeper research may go into the various papers, colours, printing companies, on cover uses such as rates and routes, etc.

Collecting Challenge must be included at this point. A collection of George V values is harder to obtain than a complete collection of present day issues. This must be considered.

Condition of the material is of lesser importance. Off centre, damaged cheap stamps should be replaced, and shades of colour shown with mint stamps. It may also be better to exclude a stamp or item than to show a photocopy unless it is the reverse of an item you have on display.

Value is of little concern at the local show level although better items cannot be overlooked.

### NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB JUDGING CRITERIA

The following information comes from the 1988 judging sheets to be used at our annual exhibitions. Three overall categories, Traditional and Postal History, Topicals, and Research, are judged on a 100 point basis as follows:

	TRAD.	TOPICAL	RESEARCH
Presentation	35	45	20
Subject Knowledge	--	30	20
Philatelic Knowledge	35	10	30
Condition	15	15	10
Collecting Challenge	<u>15</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	100	100	100

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To continue with soaking; Whatever the hazards of protecting the fronts of stamps from the effect of water, you shouldn't experience many problems with gum. Modern soluble adhesives disappear readily so that the stamps are virtually gum-free when it comes to laying them out, face downwards on a clean white blotting paper to dry. Several layers of stamps and blotting paper can be carefully stacked, and you may also put a heavy book on top to help press the stamps flat. Some caution is advised. Make sure that the book is large enough to cover the blotting paper completely or you may find a nasty ridge or crease. Personally, I find a few old newspapers do the trick just as effectively. The main thing is not to remove the stamps from the blotting paper too soon, or have them in too warm an atmosphere when you do, or else your stamps may curl.

The gum used for some of the older stamps was much more of a headache. Some Central European and South American countries, in particular, had stamps whose gum refused to dissolve gracefully and hung around like viscuous blobs which had to be gently rinsed off or even gingerly rubbed off with the fingers. Probably the worst offender was Austria, whose Pre-World War One were notorious for the color, taste and sheer grunginess of their gum. There is an apocryphal story of a chap coming home very late one night and finding a bowl standing in the kitchen with what he took to be a snack of cold fish soup left out for him. In the morning he complimented his parents only to be informed that he had drank a mixture of Austrian stamps left to soak. (Old-time cabinetmakers used an adhesive known as fish glue. Perhaps there was some relation? - Ed.) TO BE CONTINUED...

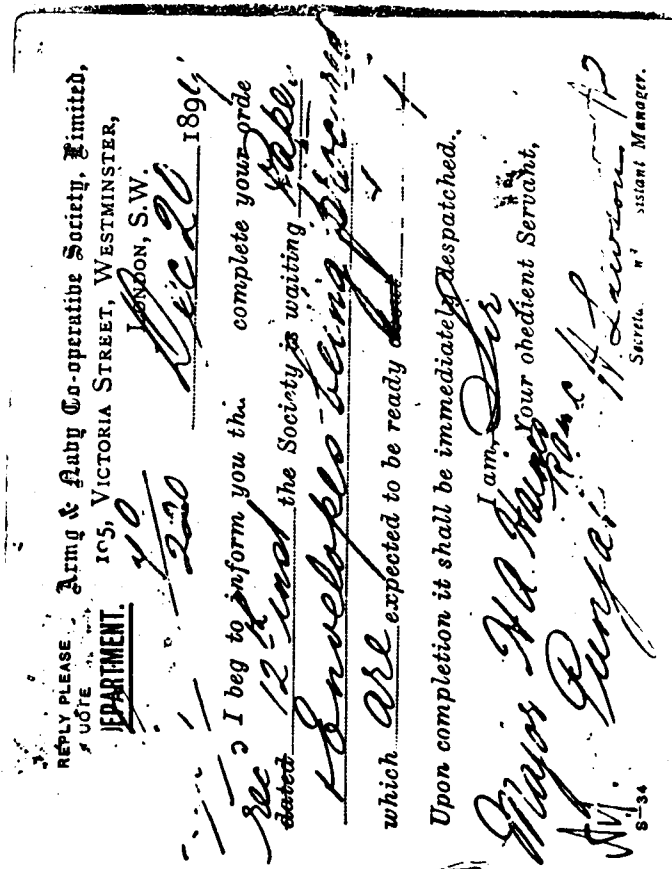
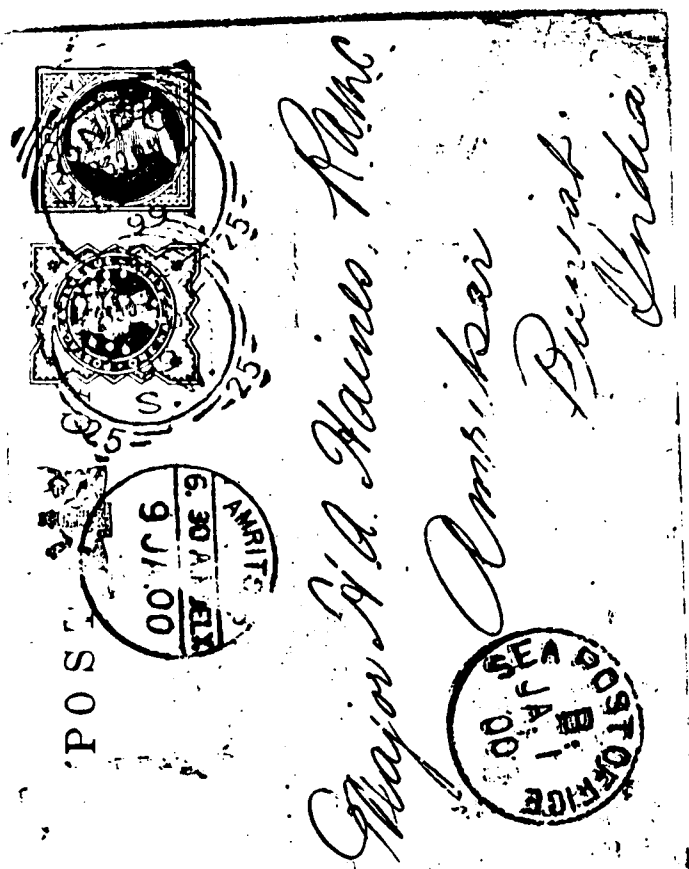
Are there people with questions out there? Something about philately that escapes you? Please send all questions. Let's stump Phil.

SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING

A short meeting this month, the bulk of the evening was spent discussing future judging policy. The criteria for judging Club exhibits was decided upon (see page 4). It was decided that judges will be allowed to enter material, but not judge their own material. Instead, when their exhibit is to be judged, an alternate judge will take their place on the tribunal. The training of our two apprentice judges will be stepped up, with this in mind. Individual critique sessions will be given if the judges receive prior notice. Said notice will be given on the entrance form to the exhibit. The next meeting will be October 19th.

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#### COVER OF THE MONTH

A little ratty, but very interesting. This is a half penny post card preprinted by ARMY & NAVY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LTD., and advises Major H.A. Haines, P.A.M.C. in AMRITSAR, PUNJAB, INDIA his order was received and will be despatched shortly. It is more important that the 1/2 penny impressed is the addition of the red orange one half penny stamp which is perfined C/AN/S with the AN being very large. The cancels transit stamps and receiving stamps are also very interesting. Two early LONDON squared circles. type A index 25 lower corners of 8:30 pm, DEC 20, 99; transfer stamp of SEA POST OFFICE B JA. 1 00 and receiving stamp of Amritsar at 6:30 AM Dely JAN 9:00. Lastly, we have all heard of the Golden Temple at Amritsar in the past few years.

BY DAVE COOPER

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