

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings : Second Tuesday of the Month at the Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. 8PM
No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting : March 8th, 1988

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Good News/Bad News :

The good news first ; We have a new Newsletter Editor and it will be Elizabeth Soderro, our present Recording Secretary. Elizabeth will take over her duties from yours truly on April 12th when the new Executive is voted in for the 1988/89 period of operation. She is keen to carry on the good work by previous editors but of course will need copy from you members. She can count on the Dave Coopers, Walter Horne, Phil-A-Telic but a few of you other members should try to send along an interesting story about your special facet of collecting.

Now the bad news ; it is a result of the good news in that we have lost a very capable and efficient recording secretary now that Elizabeth has to move from that position. Our Past President will no doubt come up with a suitable replacement to put forward among the other nominations for a new Executive at the March meeting and the final vote will take place at the April business meeting.

Editorial :

I'm sure that over the past years members have heard many times that although the Club has a healthy bank account, we every year go in debt for the Annual Exhibition and the Membership dues just cover or seem just to cover the cost of the Newsletter. It also must be evident that at some point in time we must put something back into the club just as you have to fill the frig up every so often or it's going to be empty at some point in time. The final crunch came just recently upon the receipt of the contract from the Hotel for this year's Exhibition. The rental price is up \$350.00 from last year. At the last Executive meeting (January's) our treasurer was requested to present a financial statement at the February meeting which he did. To make a long story short, over the past ten years our Exhibition's have lost in the vicinity of \$450.00 per year and Newsletter at present (with two issues to go until the

end of the present dues year) is overspent about \$6. We have to come up with some ideas on making money because if the Exhibitions are going to cost around \$700 yearly and the Newsletter \$400, our balance is going to run dry very quickly and I'm sure no member wants that to happen. The Executive discussed this at length at the February meeting and here are some ideas put forward ;; Charity Auction for the Club at least once a year either by using the one in December for the Club or replacing the Flea Market in June by a Club Charity Auction ; sell Booster tickets at Exhibition time as we did a few years ago ; charitable donations by members and so on. A committee of Bob Vaison, Marilyn Murphy and John Hall has been formed to evaluate these ideas but we'd like all members to think about ways of getting money into the Club and we'll be looking for ideas from you at the March meeting. It's time for all good members to come to the aid of the Club, the frig is going to get empty so let's fill it up again.

Program for the Next Meeting :

From a business point of view, the March meeting could be one of the most interesting in years so make a note on your calendar and attend if at all possible -- Bob Vaison will announce the selection Committee's nominations for the 1988/89 Executive ; a vote will be taken on the motion to change the Club's fiscal year from 1 April-30 March to 1 July-30 June ; a Notice of Motion will be presented in raising the Club's annual dues from \$10 to \$15 (Spouse rate \$20) for Canadian members while those outside Canada will be charged \$20.00 with Spouse at \$25 ; and who knows what else.

As for the program, one of the following slide presentations provided by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be shown ; " Doctoring of Postage Stamps " by the Audio-Visual Committee of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa or " Bridging the Atlantic by Airmail " by A. Leslie Leon, Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa or " Canadian Interrupted (Crash) Flight Envelopes " by Major R.K.Malott (RPSC) " Let's all be there "

Exhibition Watch :

As you all know. the 1988 NSSC Annual Exhibition will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th. Set-up will take place on Friday night, April 8th, starting at 6PM. The various Exhibition Chairpeople are now actively executing their responsibilities and will need assistance from time to time. If you want to volunteer your services, call the Chairman, John Hall, at 434-6529 to see how you can make your show a better one. The following information is listed for your easy reference ;

Senior & Junior Exhibits -- The Rules and Regulations were enclosed with the last Newsletter so please read them over, fill out the entry form, and get it back to Gary Steele as soon as possible. You don't need to have your exhibit completed before you enter, so send the form in now. We want at least 100 frames again this year, so enter please.

Bourse -- As stated at a previous meeting, the bourse is our main resource for revenue, so if you know of a dealer possibly interested in being at the show, have him/her contact Ken MacDonald, phone

443-7944, or let Ken know and he'll do the rest.

Club Table -- Around March, Dave Cole or one of the Executive will be contacting members to see if they'll volunteer at least one hour to sit at the Club Table and greet people coming to the show ,give out programmes etc. This is not a great task, as no admission fee is charged so no great amount of money is involved with the exception of raffle tickets. We need two members each hour from 10AM to 5PM on both Saturday and Sunday.

Publicity -- John Hall has many plans regarding publicity and he will need some help in carrying out specific tasks. Present plans are to publicize the Exhibition on the front page of the " Metro Telecaster ", an insert in Canada Post's information bulletin sent from the Sales Service area, etc. In addition , we will be setting up a booth at centre court, MICMAC Mall on Saturday, April 2nd, 1988, and members will be required to man the booth during the day

Program Advertising -- John Hall is always glad when members can come up with advertising, either by themselves or by letting him know of somebody who may be interested in advertising in our program.

Layout/Design -- This was covered in the opening paragraph of this summary. Help will be needed on Friday night to set up the (hopefully) 100 + frames. All you need in the interest, direction will be provided by the experienced members in this type of operation.

Banquet -- The banquet will be held on Saturday night, April 9th, at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Bob Vaison will have tickets for sale at the March meeting and the price per ticket this year will be \$20.00. The Executive realizes this is an increase from last year but as stated in the editorial we have to bite the bullet sometime. In past years the banquet ticket price didn't cover the costs incurred. The guest speaker will be Dr M. Allen Gibson, more about our speaker at the end of this column.

Judging -- I don't need to outline the time spent by our judges in assessing all the exhibits to ascertain which ones are worthy of an award. Remember, you are not in competition with any other Club member ; if your exhibit is worthy of an award, you'll get one. Don't forget, you can enter in the non-competitive section if you so desire. We plan to have five judges this year, Marilyn Murphy, Ken MacDonald, Claude Michaud, Dave Cooper and Gary Steele.

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

General Chairman	John Hall
Senior Exhibits	Gary Steele
Junior Exhibits	Marilyn Murphy
Bourse	Ken MacDonald
Club Table	Dave Cole
Program/Advertising	John Hall
Publicity	John Hall
Banquet	Bob Vaison
Judging	Marilyn Murphy & Co.
Facilities	George MacKenzie

BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for "NOVAPEX' 88" will be Dr. M. A. Gibson whose philatelic interests are wide and varied, with specific focus on St. Pierre and Miquelon, railways and RPOs and used US. He is a doctor of divinity and a noted scholar of biblical history, a humanist in outlook, and has travelled extensively especially in recent years. Dr Gibson writes a weekly column entitled " Interlude " in the NovaScotian of the Halifax Mail-Star and Chronicle-Herald. His talk will be on " The Joys of Stamp Collecting ".

Phil - A - Telic :

My research department has come up with the following answers to the two questions posed in the December issue of the Newsletter ;

1. An inclusion/natural inclusion is a minute piece of fibre (bark, wood,etc) that ended up in the finished paper product.

2. Pen cancellations on British Commonwealth stamps does not indicate revenue usage. They were placed on stamps of many countries to cancel a stamp before the use of hand cancels. In addition, pen markings were used on envelopes before the use of stamps (Stampless Covers) to signify the rate for mailing the letter. My researchers couldn't come up with any examples but maybe some of our other members can help out, if so, write to Phil so I can pass it on.

To the previous editor's query on TPO's, RPO's and APO's, these will be covered in next month's Newsletter, I can't afford to use three items in one Newsletter can I ?. Don't forget, all questions and queries are to be directed to Phil-A-Telic, 1333 South Park St, Apt 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9.

PS : I'm not amused by the following cartoon found in the January issue of Scott's Stamp Monthly.



"There! Any more comedians named Phil A. Telic here today?"

Executive Notes :

The Executive of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club met at the Patrick Power Library, St Mary's University on Monday, February 15th , for their normal monthly meeting. The topics for discussion were as follows ;

----- February Auction -- Larry Hitz announced that at the Giant Auction at the February Meeting, 259 lots were presented of which 173 sold (69%) for \$1231.75 giving the Club \$123,17. Twenty-five members entered lots and fifty members participated.

----- Philatelic Coasters -- It was announced that 80 of the new Bird stamp coasters and 20 of the old Bluenose, Mountie type would be bought to be sold by the Club. These coasters will be available at the Exhibition for a price to be announced at a later date. Members will remember that these coasters were available year before last and proved very popular for members themselves or for gifts.

----- RPSC Medals -- Marilyn Murphy announced that additional medals have been ordered as required for Exhibition purposes.

Judges -- On recommendations from Marilyn Murphy and Ken MacDonald, the Executive approved that two Novice Judges, Dave Cooper and Gary Steele, be granted permission to be full-blown judges at the Exhibition. This is acceptable because three accredited Royal judges will be in attendance at the same time.

----- New Executive nominations -- The committee comprised to present nominations for the 1988/89 Executive was comprised of the Past-President as Chairman with Anna Morris and Bob Fear as members. Their selections will be announced at the March 8th meeting with voting to take place at the business meeting.

----- NOVAPEX'88 -- John Hall reviewed the plans carried out at the present time and this has been outlined on page 2-3 of this Newsletter. The only problem area at this time is that only 8 dealers have accepted our invitation to participate. Early on at the start of the planning, 15 dealers were expected to attend but it doesn't look like we'll come close to that mark.

----- Stamp Collecting Month -- The President announced that Canada Post and the Club initiated February as Stamp Collecting Month with an event at the Scotia Square Postal Station where a Philatelic display was set up. The Club had a poster made up and it can be used in this manner each year as well as at the Exhibition just by changing the dates.

Editor's Note : An item overlooked at the Executive meeting was an idea to use the number card system at all monthly auctions and not just at the February auction. With this system, 100 lots per month could be accepted and it would make the recording system at the table much easier. This will be discussed further at the March meeting with a view to commencing it at the April meeting. The auctioneers went through 100 lots in the first 3/4 of an hour at the February meeting.

Membership :

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

859 John Bray

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

David C. White, 24 Deepwood Cres, Halifax, N.S. B3M 2Y6
Gerald D. Tucker, 109 Windmill Rd, Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 1C9

The following has been re-instated in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club;

J.B. Wonnacott MB, 2015W 34th Street, Site 177, Houston,
Texas, USA Zip 77018

The following Change of Address has been announced;

Matt & Georgia Somers, 4 Camilla Court, Dartmouth, N.S. B2X 3K3

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Corvette H.M.C.S. La Malbaie -- Walter H.D.Horne :

During 1942 and 1943, Canada issued a series of 14 postage stamps to dramatize her invaluable contributions to the Allied War effort. Depicted on the 20¢ denomination is corvette building on a small shipyard at Sorel, Quebec. Specifically, the stamp shows the Corvette H.M.C.S. La Malbaie, as she appeared just prior to launching on October 25th, 1941, according to Major G.E. MacManus, Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces Photographic Unit. Four other corvettes, a quartet of minesweepers, and seven other ships were christened in the La Malbaie's ceremonies.

The corvette class of escort vessel has a design based on that of a commercial whale-catcher. Between 1939 and the end of World War II, Canada built roughly 140 corvettes, which were manned by Canadian and British crews. The ship in point was named after La Malbaie, Quebec, explorer Champ~~lain~~ain dubbed the adjacent water body Malle-Baye (bad Bay in French of his era) because there grounded some of his ships during low tide. The corvettes as a rule were named after Canadian towns and cities.

Built at a cost of roughly \$500,000, the La Malbaie was given a pendant number of K273 and commissioned on April 28th, 1942. The 1,015 ton, 208 feet long craft with an extreme breadth of 33 feet was constructed by Marine Industries Ltd., fully loaded, the aft draught was 15 feet 7 inches. Her steam reciprocating main engine permitted a full-speed of 16 knots and an endurance of 3,450 nautical miles at 12 knots.

To be continued ;

DON'T FORGET THE MARCH 8th MEETING, IMPORTANT TOPICS
FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE BUSINESS PORTION, INTERESTING SLIDE
PROGRAM FOR VIEWING, ANOTHER 60-70 LOT AUCTION FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT
AND COLLECTING INTERESTS -- MAKE A DATE TO ATTEND.