

# 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, N.S. at 8 p.m. No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 1991. Programme: Awards & Stampworld London '90

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ROYALE\* 1991\*ROYAL: The Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter received a silver/bronze award at the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's 63rd Annual Convention and National Exhibition at Dorval, Quebec. This was the first year that a Literature class formed part of the Royal. To all the Newsletter contributors, hearty congratulations and a sincere thank-you. The Newsletter is the sum of its parts and is only possible through the support of the Club.

SILVER MEDALIST: Those of you who were present at the Club Banquet heard Cliff Abram give a review of the RPSC Show - he neglected to mention that he had received a SILVER MEDAL for his "Postal Markings of Barbados". Cliff has become known to us all as Mr. Barbados, and I know you all would join in with me in extending our felicitations. I might also mention that Cliff is solely responsible for our Newsletter being entered in the Royal - he encouraged me, initiated the idea, and even passed on an entry form making certain it didn't slip my mind.

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Lakeshore Stamp Club Show: Held in conjunction with the Royal, the show of the host Club - Mary Abram was winner of a bronze medal for her exhibit, "Celebrating Christmas", stamps, covers, cancellations, and slogans having to do with Christmas. More congratulations to this philatelic phamily.

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MINUTES, April 9, 1991: The regular montly meeting was held at the N.S. Museum, with President Marilyn Murphy in the Chair, 39 members were present. The minutes of March 12 meeting were read and accepted.

It was announced that Dartmouth alderman, Bruce Hetherington, will officially open the exhibition this year. Claire Barbour, a junior club member, who will have an exhibit in this year's show, will appear on M.I.T.V. with Doug Allen this Friday. A banquet ticket has been donated by a member to Claire.

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MEMBERSHIP: Granted to #887, Mrs. Lourdes I. Embil  
#888, Bill Harper

Application received: Jay C. Kennedy, 51 Sunrise Hill, Bedford, N.S. B4A 2Z6  
Collecting interests: Canada, Pitcairn, Norfolk, guns.

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PROGRAMME, MAY 14, 1991

NOVAPEX '91: The first part of the programme will feature the presentation of awards and certificates of participation pertaining to Novapex '91.

STAMPWORLD LONDON '90: In late 1988, Doug Allen announced that he would be interested in organizing a group tour to STAMPWORLD LONDON '90 being held at Alexandra Palace, London, England, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first postage stamp, the "Penny Black". Interest was immediately evident, so Doug carried out his promise, and the end result was that 32 people left the Halifax International Airport, May 2, 1990 bound for Heathrow Airport, London.

At the August 27, 1990 Executive meeting, the president, George MacKenzie stated, as this was the first group tour ever taken by the Club, it should be documented by a slide programme for future reference and/or programming purposes. The Executive agreed and approved funding for George to produce the programme. As it was a group tour, participating members were asked to provide photos they felt best portrayed their trip highlights.

We would like to present, as part 2 of the May 14 programme, for your enjoyment, a selection of 50 slides covering this event. The slides are divided into four parts: the trip over, STAMPWORLD LONDON '90. London itself, and excursions outside London. All members are invited to travel with George, a special invitation is extended to those people who took part in the trip.

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NOVAPEX '91 WRAP-UP, George MacKenzie

The annual Exhibition, which was held this year at the Dartmouth Masonic Centre, April 13 and 14, drew approximately 325 visitors and was considered a success by all concerned. This figure is down slightly from last year, however, those in attendance were really interested collectors who kept the bourse and display areas buzzing most of the time. Many compliments were heard regarding the facilities, lighting, free parking and good food at reasonable prices both during the daytime and at the banquet. Although off the beaten track, very few people stated they had a hard time finding it.

DEALERS: Eleven dealers were able to make the show and all agreed that the lighting and homey atmosphere made their stay enjoyable. All were satisfied with their sales that seemed to come in spurts instead of a steady flow.

ENTRIES: There is only room for 92 frames in the new location and this year's breakdown is as follows: Senior Exhibits - 74 frames from 19 members  
Junior Exhibits - 10 frames from 5 juniors

There was no Court of Honour.

AWARDS:

GOLD: W.G. Burden, Small Queens of Canada  
Ken C. MacDonald, Selected Arch Issue Stamps and Usages  
George MacKenzie, History of Aviation Part 5 - Fighters and Bombers

SILVER: John Hall, The 1898 Map Stamp  
Gary Steele, 1937-1938 Definitive Issue, Rates & Usages to Foreign Destinations  
Michael Peach, Cancellations of the Penny Imperforate of Great Britain, 1840-54  
Cliff Abram, Barbados - King George VI Era  
Heather MacKenzie, America: A Nation of Readers/A Nation of Writers  
Hugh Bignell, Rate Covers of the Admiral Era  
Dave Cooper, Export A

BRONZE: Peter Bowen, First U.K. Penny Stamps  
J. Doug Allen, Great Britain - The Machins Maze  
Mary Abram, Personalities of Canada  
Marty Zelenietz, The U.P.U, Can Say No, But the Letter Might Go  
Winston MacIntosh, Scotland on Stamps: Personalities - Series I

NOVICE AWARD: Michael Peach

BILL STEPHENSON MEMORIAL: Cliff Abram

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB AWARD and HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Bob Fear

JUNIORS: First: Michael Tucker, Canadian Planes and Trains on Stamps  
Second: Mathew Harrington, Canadian Christmas  
Third: Claire Barbour, Famous Pioneering Women of Canada

MOST POPULAR PRIZE: Al Burditt, Stamps of Queen Victoria

JUNIORS: As in previous years an excellent junior auction was held by the ever-present Hugh Bignell at 11 a.m. Saturday. A record number of juniors were in attendance, with no signs of recession in that group.

BANQUET: A total of 58 members and guests attended a lovely roast beef banquet on Saturday night and were entertained by Dan Bonner of Canada Post who himself is a former member of the Club.

I would like to extend my thanks to each member of the Exhibition Committee for the many hours of hard work and dedication put into this year's show with special thanks going to Dave Harvey, closely followed by Ken MacDonald who put in alot of extra hours Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. A special mention must also be given to those who helped with the Club Table, Junior Auction, Judging, Set-Up, Take-Down and to the Exhibitors themselves

Don't forget NOVAPEX '92 will be held April 11, 12, 1992.

(Ed's. note) On behalf of the Club a most sincere thank-you to George MacKenzie, your Novapex'91 Chairman, for a monumental job well done.

MINUTES, April 9, cont'd: The President advised members that the coffee and tim-bits are not provided as a free service. It is expected that members put 50¢ into the receptical provided. If the service does not cover expenses it will not be continued.

Bob Fear is in hospital. Heinz Kircher is recovering from his hospital visit.

The philatelic counter is open again at the Dartmouth main post office. The Halifax main post office has moved to the Founder's Square location. Harry Steele requested donations of material for the Kermesse. George MacKenzie gave a report on the exhibition. The various chairmen answered questions and asked for volunteers. John Hall spoke about the proposed trip to Chicago. The response to date has not been sufficient to proceed. Next month's programme will feature a slide show about London '90 presented by George MacKenzie. The meeting adjourned at 9:05. After coffee and doughnuts the regular auction was held.

Dave Harvey, Recording Secretary

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CORRECTION: The AMAZING article p.5 Newsletter #218 should have been attributed to Bob Vaison - it was forwarded by Dave Cooper. Perhaps it should be reread now that our Exhibition has taken place.

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BLACK BLOTS AGAIN: Bob Vaison

Recently the philatelic press has devoted some attention to the latest efforts to issue and publicize "blacklists" of stamps of questionable postal utility and/or validity issued by a variety of (perhaps dubious) postal entities around the world. Most of us may well be inclined - as I am - to say "Yes, and amen" to such efforts by organizations like the Federation Internationale Philatelique (FIP) and the international group of stamp catalogue publishers. However it may be sobering to recall past efforts at such blackballing, as a recent column by stamp columnist Larry McInnis suggested in the Montreal Gazette.

McInnis recalls that in the 1890's several series were blacklisted, including the American Trans-Mississippi issue and our famous Queen Victoria Jubilee set. On the latter, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal (30 June 1897) had this to say: "a set of labels, including unnecessarily high values and printed in limited numbers to be issued concurrently with the present stamps is to reproduce all the most objectional features of the unnecessary and speculative emissions, which we all desire to put an end to". This "despicable issue" (their words) today catalogues at several thousand dollars and is much sought after.

Times change, and so do collecting interests. Each of us must make our own decisions.

(Larry McInnis received a silver/bronze at the Royal for his Gazette column).

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ADVERTISEMENT: WANTED ---- First Day Cover of set of four Canadian photographers including Notman and Henderson. Winston MacIntosh, 455-7616

BARBADOS CHARITY LABELS: Cliff Abram

In my collection of covers from Barbados, there are some with Charity labels affixed, these labels have an interesting period especially during WWII. A friend of mine did some research on these labels for an article in the British Caribbean Philatelic Group Journal, from this I shall use some excerpts for this article.

The Barbados Publicity Committee, fore-runner of the Tourist Board, produced these labels originally in early 1938. They thought that when the labels were affixed to mail from the Island, they would advertise Barbados as a tourist attraction and increase visitors. These labels, it is thought, were made in the U.S.A. in sheets of 24 (4x6), having six designs, each design having in the vignette a view of the island, these being in black and white and the outer frame in colour, red, blue, or yellow. They were perforated 11.

In November 1940, the Barbados Voluntary War Workers Association were looking for ideas whereby they could help the British Red Cross. The following excerpt from a local paper in Dec. 1940 explains:

The Barbados Publicity Committee has most generously given the Voluntary War Workers Association their entire supply of gummed seals to be sold in aid of Red Cross Funds. These seals take the form of views of Barbados and the Voluntary War Workers Association are having a small red cross stamped in a corner of each seal. The seals are in sheets of 24 and will cost 12 pence a sheet, or six seals for 4 pence, they are most attractive and if sent overseas will help the Red Cross and advertise the island.

To date however, only those labels with the edges in blue or yellow have been seen to have the red cross on them. Several years of research has gone into this label, so it must be assumed that the red labels were already disposed of by the Publicity Committee prior to handing the remainder over in November.

The two covers shown here (75% actual size) are dated as follows: the first, a red label without the cross was mailed on Aug. 5, 1939; the second, with the red cross is dated Nov 16, 1939, two days after they were put on sale by the Barbados Voluntary W.W. Association.

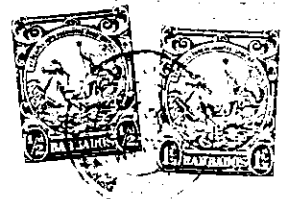
CANADIAN NATIONAL STEAMSHIPS



Messrs. Halifax Meal Mills Ltd.,

Halifax,

CANADA.



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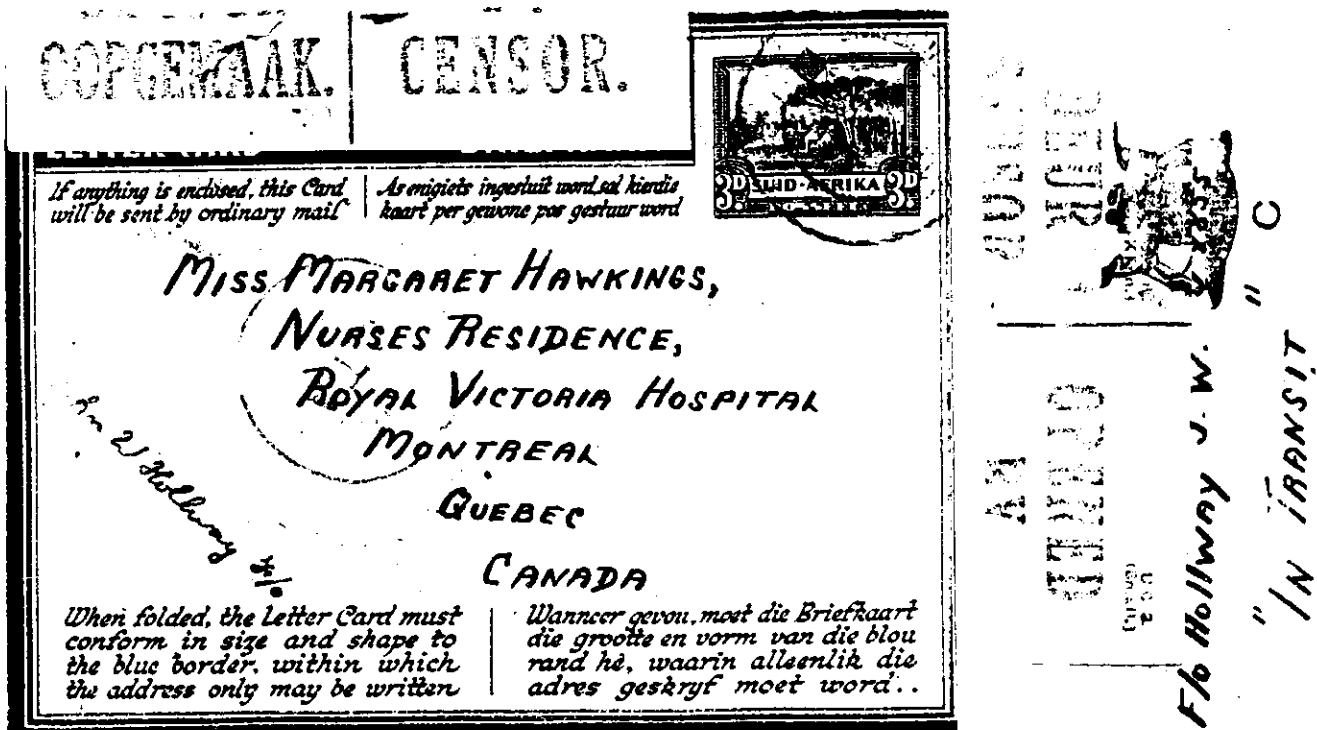
GERMAN STAMP CLUB: We are now receiving the German Stamp Club Newsletter.

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COVER OF THE MONTH: Dave Cooper

This is a used South Africa air mail postal item addressed to Miss Margaret Hawkings, Nurses Residence, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal and is from F/O Hollway, J.W. "In Transit". It is franked by an imprinted 3D Suid-Afrika and has been opened and censored. The Flight Officer advises: "I am really a long ways from home and still a long ways to go. The cancel is a mute cancel and neither this nor the violet circle in the body with ? T A in the centre indicates the sending office.

The contents indicate he arrived via boat and "can just walk outside and pick all the bananas & oranges we can eat". They had a rickshaw race down the streets of Durban and there are poisonous snakes & monkeys. As he also states he is not allowed to go over 100 miles from camp it is quite certain he was at time of mailing on the south-east corner of the Union of South Africa.



ROYALE \* 1991 \* ROYAL NOTES from Cliff Abram

Organizing the show required two years of work. There were 240, 16 page frames of National and Club Exhibits. The exhibitors came from across the U.S. and Canada - applications were received that would have filled another 70 frames. Additional frames had to be borrowed from Ottawa and Quebec City clubs. Meetings of various attending groups occupied every moment of the three day show. The awards for the top winners were soapstone carvings modelled on stamps issued by Canada Post. This show also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Dorval Airport the 100th Anniversary of the City of Dorval and the 30th Anniversary of the Lakeshore Stamp Club. The video of the show will be shown at a future meeting. Show programme and awards list are now in the Club Library.