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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

April 10 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

April 13 Club Meeting
Guest Speaker - John Hall
Auction

April 24 Valley Stamp Club
Show and Bourse
Kentville, NS

May 8 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

May 11 Club Meeting
Guest Speaker - Lloyd Tancook
Circuit Books

May 28 - 30 2004
Royal 2004 Royale
Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS

June 5 Kermese
Stamp Table and so much more

June 8 Club Meeting, Social
Anything Goes Auction



Valley Stamp Club Show

The Valley Stamp Club will be holding their Annual Exhibition and Bourse scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Kentville Fire Hall from 10 am to 4 pm. An Auction will be held at 2 pm. There will be five stamp dealers in attendance - Nickersons, Bill Burden, Doug Gray, Seaside Book and Stamp and Roger Greer. Admission free and door prizes will be available. Refreshments are available.

Articles are needed for the newsletter. One typed page will fill several columns - but add images and text length can be shorter. Images and descriptive text are also welcome. Contact Dennis or Jeff for more details.

Register for the Royal

The NSSC membership is reminded to get your registration for the Royal in soon. The registration covers the cost of the reception and banquet as well as the seminars that are put on during the show. Don't delay - reserve your space today.

A German airmail letter dated Feb 1944 franked with a blue Luftfeldpost stamp depicting a Junkers 52 Transport plane.. German stamps inscribed DEUTSCHE FELDPPOST, (German Fieldpost), or LUFTFELDPOST, (Air Fieldpost), were issued between 1942 and 1944 for use on parcels and letters sent home by troops in the field. Each soldier was given a ration of four stamps until May 1943 when the allowance doubled to eight. Does anyone know the significance of the X across the front, I have seen this on almost every example that I have come across.

Below is a Port Hastings Picture Cancel over a metered postmark



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**Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Dues are \$15 per person or \$22.50 per couple (\$20 US) payable to:

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The Club website is maintained by Neil and Judy Bowlby. (bowlby@accesswave.ca).

Stamp Oddities

The "stamp" depicted here has puzzled countless collectors for several generations. It was produced by Major Brewster Cox Kenyon, a paymaster in the U.S. volunteers in 1898. At that



time the United States was at war with Spain and Major Kenyon used his position in the Army to have a quantity of his "stamps" attached to Army mail. The

U.S. Post Office forced him to stop the practice but for many years after he retired from the Army to become a land speculator in California, Major Kenyon obtained a steady income by selling his army frank stamps to collectors. The stamps are known to exist in rose, blue and brown.



Is it a bird? Is it a plane?

No, it's Phil *Universal Stamp* continuing his never-ending quest to deliver airmail postcards throughout the world!!! Phil Stamp Definitives Cover No: 7 issued April 1 2004 in a limited numbered edition of 50 colour and 25 black and white. The cartoon illustrations complement the associated stamp in a light-hearted, humorous way. Phil is drawn by the cartoonist J. Edward Oliver whose work has regularly featured in *Buster comic*. For more information on these and other covers check out the website <http://www.philstampcovers.co.uk/>.



As many know, Neil and Judy Bowlby have just completed a post retirement tour of New Zealand and other western destinations. Here is a shot of Judy standing by an actual mailbox on the main street in Thames on the North Island. I hope this means that both Neil and Judy will regale us with toasty postal tidbits of trivia and lore of their stamp related discoveries while abroad. Especially of note is the discovery of a plethora of stamps issued by yet another private post in New Zealand. We are looking forward to hearing more.....

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**England Rugby
Championship Winners - 2**

by Michael Peach

Further to my recent article in the February Newsletter, I have been able to obtain two first day covers with a Rugby School cancellation. These are shown in the figures. Both are signed by Patrick Derham, the Headmaster,

and have the cancellation
**RUGBY SCHOOL
RUGBY WARWICKSHIRE
19 DEC 2003**

which also shows Rugby goalposts with a ball being converted. Both covers show the school crest. On one there is a picture of the game as it was played in the 1800s with the school in the background. On the other there is a

modern picture of the school chapel, with William Webb Ellis, credited with initiating the distinctive features of Rugby Football, on the right side.

Figures: RugbyGame and RugbyWebbEllis



EXHIBITING AT ROYAL 2004?

Are you still thinking about exhibiting at the Halifax Royal? The frames are going rapidly. The prospectus and entry forms are in the current issue of the Canadian Philatelist. The space is **limited** and is allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact Marty Zelenietz, 463-0687, exhibits chair, as soon as possible to reserve you space. There is a frame charge of \$12 per frame for two or more frames or \$20 for one frame exhibits. The fee for youth and junior classes will be \$3 per frame.

VOLUNTEERS ROYAL 2004

Lots of volunteers will be required during Royal 2004 for set up, registration on Thursday, lots of things during the show, and tear down on Sunday evening. Remember that the show is being sponsored by our club and a smooth running show will reflect credit on the club.

Please make a note of the volunteer dates, **Thursday 27 May to Sunday 30 May.**

STAMP LAUNCH ROYAL 2004

There will be a stamp launch during Royal*2004*Royale. The stamps to be issued mark the exploits of shipping magnates Sir Samuel Cunard and Sir Hugh Allen. The stamp will be designed by the local partnership Page & Wood.

Fund Raising for ROYAL*2004* ROYALE

We are also looking for advertisers for the programme. The price of advertisements will be very reasonable, from about \$25 for a quarter page to a about \$100 for a full page. The prestigious spaces inside and outside the cover have already been allocated. If you can think of any names of potential advertisers, please contact Heather MacKenzie by email - h.mackenzie@ns.sympatico.ca.

1000th Member

We made it. Our 1000th member walked into the March meeting and signed up on the spot. Congratulations to Nigel Simpson on winning the much coveted prize of a gold edged stamp album. Since he walked in on his own steam no club member will receive the Picture Postage Stamp Prize as has. ben advertised in this newsletter for some time.

The last three members to join the club are Reginald and Doreen Crick, who collect Commonwealth and Caribbean stamps, and Nigel Simpson who is a worldwide collector. Congratulations again to Nigel

Worldwide Cover Box

Thanks to member's generosity, our "Worldwide Covers" box is full again and surely a bargain at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. This is worth checking out!

NEW!!!- a second box of covers, exclusively from Canada and the USA. Three for a buck, a lone loonie- what a deal!! Stock up while they last! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

Thanks to the estate of the late Brig. George Roberston, we now have a pile of interesting covers to add to the worldwide and Canada/US boxes. Our thanks to Shirley Robertson for donating the material. It may take a couple of months to fit them all in, so keep you eyes peeled for new additions.

Ask Phil your philatelic questions. The Collectors Club of Chicago website has an amazing number of individually answered questions - www.askphil.org.



The Royal*2004*Royale website:
<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/royal>

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Donations of philatelic material is required for the Youth Table for Royal 2004. Please contact Elizabeth Sodero for more information.

Royal Grand Award Tumblers

The Grand Award for the Royal will consist of a set of Citadel Whiskey Tumblers with our Royal 2004 Halifax logo from Nova Scotia Crystal. These tumblers are also for sale to club members for \$57.20 plus tax each. Cheques are payable to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. If you are interested, please place your order fairly soon, preferably at the next stamp club meeting in April.

Do you know anyone who might like to make a donation towards Royal 2004? Please contact Michael Peach at 832-1662.

Last Call for Exhibits

This is the last call for exhibits for Roayl 2004 directed to NSSC members. Space is becoming limited, so if you thought that you had lots of time and you would wait a while - there is isn;t and you shouldn't. Don't be disappointed - get those exhibits registered today. Marty will happy to reserve you a space - with payment of course.

Newsletter Available Electronically

If you wish to receive the newsletter in an electronic format (Abohe Acrobat - pdf) you can download it from the club website www.nsstampclub.ca. The web version has a reduced resolution from the original and usually has a size of approx 300 Kb.