



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## Up and Coming

**Every Saturday 4pm Auction**  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**May 8 Stamp Fair**  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**May 11 Club Meeting**  
Guest Speaker - Lloyd Tancock  
Circuit Books

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

**June 8 Club Meeting, Social**  
Anything Goes Auction

**June 12 Kermese**  
Stamp Table and so much more

**June 12 Stamp Fair**  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth



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## Private Post in New Zealand

by Neil Bowlby

In a recent visit and tour of New Zealand, I noticed all along the tourist circuit a new style of stamp only available at all the gift shops, hotels and restaurants. Inquiring, I found the only place that sold regular New Zealand postage stamps was the Post Office. Checking out to find if these tourist style stamps were legal postage, I found the NZ Government had passed legislation deregulating the postal service, effective from April 1, 1998. This allowed full competition in all postal services.

There seems to be several competing companies offering the same service both in and out of the country. The most noticeable of these companies are Universal Mail NZ, DX Post, Pete's Post, Fastway Post and Wine Post. The first 3 have the highest profile and greatest acceptance, offering all the products that the Post Office have except banking service and phone cards. This also includes mail boxes, rural route delivery, next day delivery and 2/3 day National delivery. All the cards and letters that we mailed using Universal Mail and DX showed they had been handled through Singapore (labels on cards and envelopes, where all our NZ post mail had no such labels.

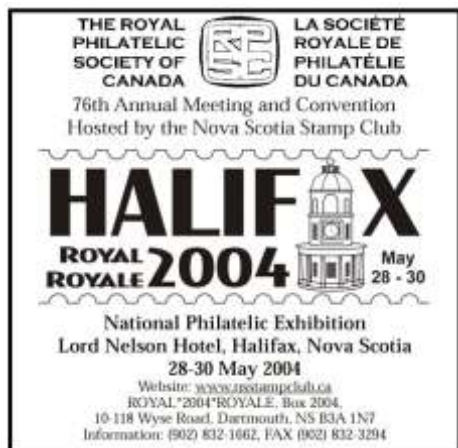


The Universal Mail NZ stamps come in booklets of 5 commemoratives, depicting tourism highlights, including 1 round stamp. They issue \$1.50 for postcard mail and \$2.00 for international letter rate. DX mail also offers the same, but also has all the rates the Post Office has. The most peculiar thing is that name New Zealand does not show on any stamp. An acquaintance gave me a baggie of clippings from his hardware store and in it were 3 stamps from Pete's Post, showing us that they are fully

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Examples of stamps issued by DX-Mail and Universal Mail above. Above left is a Fastway Post mailbox.



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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 open air stamp market in Paris is world famous. Tens of thousands of Parisians and visitors have gone there to buy and swap stamps since the market was established in 1887. The market owes its location to a wealthy landowner who bequeathed the site to Paris in the shadow of the Elysee Palace. A condition of his bequest was that the land be used to benefit all those who shared his passion for stamps. Since then, the market has flourished, remaining open even during occupation and two world wars. The focus today remains firmly on stamps and postal history, just as originally intended. Curiously, the first regular stamp dealer in the market was a woman.

### From the Bookshelf

*The Postage Stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia*, by Nicholas Argenti and published by The Royal Philatelic Society London in 1962. The First Edition was limited to 350 numbered copies. Written in two parts: "The Pence Issues of 1851" and "The Cents Issues of 1860" the book was reported to be a very detailed and comprehensive philatelic study. Of special interest, the author writes of the 1895 selling, by the Nova Scotian government, of the remainder of the stamps and the consequent "mystery" of the value and whereabouts. Bound in green cloth with black and gilt title plate and gilt top edge, the book was illustrated throughout in 23 black and white plates and one colour plate.

Quarterman Publications Inc., of Lawrence, Mass. reprinted the book in 1976 in blue cloth with silver lettering to front. According to Abebooks (www.abebooks.com) an original copy can be purchased for approximately \$200-300 US and a reprint for \$75-125 US. Halifax's J.W. Doull, Bookseller on Barrington St. has a reprinted copy for \$150 CAN.

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accepted in the mail service, (also bragging that they handle 20 million pieces a year and are shooting for 90 million).

If you wish further information, all the private postal services I've discussed have web sites and even offer their stamps for sale.

[www.universalpostnz.com](http://www.universalpostnz.com)

[www.petepost.co.nz](http://www.petepost.co.nz)

[www.dxmail.co.nz](http://www.dxmail.co.nz)

[www.fastwaypost.com/post.htm](http://www.fastwaypost.com/post.htm)

[winepost.tripod.com](http://winepost.tripod.com)



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## ROYAL 2004 NEWS

### **Volunteers needed for 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.

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

### **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.

### **FRAMES**

We will be using some of the old frames, 8 page, for the youth exhibits at the Royal. Some of these still belong to the club which will be available for sale after the close of the Royal. All have plexiglass, rather than glass. If you are interested, I would gladly let you have some, or even just one, after take down on Sunday afternoon/evening. The price will be \$10. Please contact Michael Peach.

### **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.

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. Let others see what's in your collection. Contact Dennis or Jeff for more details.

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### **Asian Heritage Month**

As part of Asian Heritage Month celebrations, Canada Post will present a program on the Lunar New Year Stamps of Canada on 10 May, 7 PM, at the Keshen-Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive. A director of CP will come in from Ottawa for the presentation, bringing with some of the unaccepted designs and artwork for this year's Year of the Monkey Stamp. The Asian Heritage Society invites all Nova Scotia Stamp Club members to come and share in the evening.





*May 28—30, 2004*

# Stamp Show & Sale



***Free Admission***



The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada  
La Société royale de philatélie du Canada

**\* Dealers Market**

**\* Stamp Exhibition**

**\* Youth Activities**

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club  
is hosting the the  
76th National Stamp Exhibition of the  
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

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*Lord Nelson Hotel*

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May 28 10:30am — 5 pm

May 29 9:30 am — 5 pm

May 30 9:30 am — 3 pm



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