



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

Friends of Philately - Meet 3rd  
Thursday of each month at  
Bloomfield School, Halifax, NS

**October 9** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**October 11** Club Meeting  
"Bermuda Postage & Postal History", Auction

**October 14-16** STAMPEX  
Debut National Show  
Toronto, ON

**October 15** Brunpex  
Fundy Stamp Collectors Club  
Moncton, NB

**October 29** South Shore Stamp  
Club Annual Show  
Bridgewater, NS

**November 8** Club Meeting  
"NSSC Website", Circuit Books

## Approval of Stamps

Young philatelist a rare find among today's generation

by Lindsay Jones

The Daily News

*[The following article was published in the The Daily News, Halifax Nova Scotia on Sunday, September 18, 2005 -ed.]*

Collecting stamps is a sport for 12-year-old Alex Faulkner. His gold ribbon-winning collection at the Novapex annual stamp show and exhibition in Dartmouth this weekend includes more than 100 sport and Olympic-theme stamps.

"I like sports and collecting things, so I thought I'd make a collection," said Faulkner, who spent his summer organizing it for up to three hours a day.

The Lake Echo boy started collecting after his grandfather, David Cooper - a longtime philatelist, whose work is also on display - gave him some leftover stamps.

"I'm the only kid at school that collects," said Faulkner, who belongs to the junior Nova Scotia Stamp Club (NSSC). "They (other kids) say, 'Get in the real world.'"

"I just say, 'I collect cause I am in the real world.' It's fun. You get to see all the cool-looking stamps and see how much they're worth."

Hundreds came to buy or sell stamps, and check out the exhibits at the Dartmouth Sportsplex yesterday. Happening until 3 p.m. today, the annual show is organized by the



Alex Faulkner (right) receives NovaPex 2005 Gold and Silver Awards in the Youth category from Club President John Eldridge.

Bowlby Photo

NSSC.

There are plenty of interesting exhibits even if you're not a stamp aficionado.

One display traces the history of Horatio Nelson, the British admiral who led his fleet to victory over the French and Spanish 200 years ago at the battle of Trafalgar.

Another display features various Nova Scotian stamps, which date back to the days of pre-Confederation.

There's an exhibit honouring the life of the late Haligonian Henry Hechler, an entrepreneur who helped found a national philatelic society.

There's also an outstanding display of mail by ship in and around the province from the mid-18th to mid-19th century.

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**Approval... Continued**

Club president John Eldridge said collecting stamps is a good way to learn about geography and history.

"I've learned about the history of countries and places I've never been to," said Eldridge, who also works full-time for Kerr Controls.

For him, stamp collecting is relaxing and a break from every day stresses.

One of the big trends, he said, is topical collecting. People generally go for whatever interests them, including dogs, cats, birds, butterflies, plants, ships, hockey, even Santa Claus.

And with e-mail being quicker than so-called 'snail mail,' used stamps are becoming increasingly rare, said Eldridge. "Modern stamps just aren't as readily available as they used to be."

Now, when you go out to buy them, he said, "you use them, but keep a couple for yourself."

### **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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Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$25 (CDN) per year

**Report of the NovaPex Judges**

by D.A. Cooper, Sr Chair

All known Maritime judges were invited to attend, however due to various commitments only the following judges were in attendance

Michael Peach - National  
John Hall - National Apprentice  
Dave Cooper, SR - Regional - Chair  
Jane Sodero - Regional  
Graham McCleave  
- Regional Apprentice

Including the 3 frames in the court of honour and 9 Junior frames, there were 63 frames in total to be judged. Of the 19 seniors exhibits, 7 were one page exhibits. These require special attention to ensure they meet the strict requirements for one framers. The Judging sheet for one frame exhibits is included on Page 3.

The awards are as follows;

**Seniors****Bronze**

Carl Munden  
- Gone but not Forgotten - NL Out ports  
George MacKenzie (2)  
- Covering Nova Scotia Place Names  
- The Story of Santa Claus

**Silver**

John Eldridge  
- Fun in Collecting the 15 cent blue  
Dave Cooper, Sr  
- U.K. Transatlantic Mail 1939-53  
Jane Sodero  
- Postal Markings / Guysborough  
Elizabeth Sodero  
- Slogan Cancels Admiral Era 1912-14

Michael Peach  
- The Penny Red Imperforate (GB) Cancellations

John Hurst  
- Newfoundland Publicity Issue 1929-31

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Lorraine Rasmussen

- Henry Hechler Memorabilia  
Neil Bowlby  
- Centenary of the Red Cross

**Gold**

John Eldridge  
- 1967-73 Centennial Issue,  
High Values  
Michael Peach (3)  
- Imperial Penny Postage  
- British Postal Stationery Cutouts  
- Postal Union Rate Cards -  
Victorian Britain  
Marty Zelenietz  
- Papua & New Guinea Booklets  
Dave Cooper, Sr  
- Mexico - Exporta Series  
Hugh Rathbun  
- The Postal History of  
Annapolis Royal  
Cliff Abram  
- A Man, A Ship, A Legacy  
(Nelson)

**Juniors****Silver**

Alexander Faulkner  
- Transportation on Stamps

**Gold**

Alexander Faulkner  
- Sports on Stamps  
Liam Parks  
- African Animals

## Novapex Awards... Continued

### Special Awards

The **Ken C MacDonald Postal History Award** was awarded to Hugh Rathbun for his excellent gold exhibit *The Postal History of Annapolis Royal*. We know Ken would agree.

The **J Doug Allen Novice Award** for "the best first-time winner of a Royal Philatelic Society of Canada award" during the annual show of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was awarded to Lorraine Rasmussen's Henry Hechler Memorabilia. Henry Hechler was one of the most well known early members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

The **Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award** may be presented to a member-contributor for outstanding contributions to the club and/or to the advancement of philately in Nova Scotia.

After all of the work and effort expended by many members before, during & after the very successful ROYAL\*2004\*ROYALE various names were put forth, any of which who would be very qualified.

The committee selected Jeff Parks for his many efforts on the club's behalf, including being web master, assisting and then inheriting the newsletter, and various other areas.

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## Judging Criteria for One Frame Exhibits

A one frame exhibit develops any aspect of the established competitive Divisions, narrates a complete story of either an issue, stamp, country era, geographic location, or theme or other distinctive concept, and follows a clearly defined title, concept or plan. The criteria are broken down into 4 main categories as discussed below with point allotments shown.

### 1. Treatment & Significance (30 pts)

Treatment (20 pts) is the degree of development, organization, balance, and completeness, both in the material presented and the story that the exhibit tells.

Significance (10 pts) is the impact the material being presented has on the country, era, location, or theme.

### 2. Philatelic & Related Knowledge and Personal Study & Research (35 pts)

Philatelic knowledge is demonstrated by the items chosen for the exhibit.

Related knowledge is demonstrated by the accuracy and appropriateness of the related text.

Personal study is demonstrated by proper analysis of the philatelic items.

Research is the presentation of new facts and/or conclusions related to the chosen subject or theme.

### 3. Condition & Rarity (30 pts)

The material is in the best condition (10 pts) known to exist for the period or type being exhibited.

Rarity (20 pts) is synonymous with difficulty of acquisition and is **not** synonymous with catalog value.

### 4. Presentation (10 pts)

The exhibit is neat, clean and pleasing to the eye, and concisely written.

Using the established criteria to discern the points awarded as indicated (total of 100), medal levels are based on the following ranges...

Gold	85 - 100
Vermeil	75 - 84
Silver	65 - 74
Silver-Bronze	60 - 64
Bronze	55 - 59

Currently, NSSC only awards gold, silver and bronze medals. Vermeil is Vermilion or a similar bright red colour but in this context represents gilded silver.



## New NSSC Officers Elected

The annual General Meeting of the NSSC was held on Sept.13. Neil Bowlby finished a two year term as President and John Harvey graciously backed out as long serving Treasurer when a nomination for the position came from the floor. The 2005 - 2006 Board of Directors and key Committee members are as follows.

President: John Eldridge  
1st V-President: Carmichael Wallace  
2nd V. President: vacant  
Secretary: Bob Boehner  
Treasurer: Tena Keefe  
Director: Marilyn Melanson  
Director: Bruce Robertson  
Director: Sean Weatherup  
RPSC liaison: Elizabeth Sodero  
Novapex 2006: Micheal Peach  
Newsletter/Website Editor: Jeff Parks

## Canada Post Announces 2006 Stamp Lineup

All stamps will be 51c after January 16, 2006 unless otherwise noted.

### January

Year of the Dog (+SS).

Queen Elizabeth. The Queen who will turn 80 on April 21, 2006.

### February

2006 Winter Olympics, Torino Italy (x2) Skeleton and team pursuit Speed Skating.

### March

Gardens (4 designs) Ontario Horticultural Association 1906-2006.

Birthdays.

Art Canada: Dorothy Knowles (+SS).

McClelland & Stewart 1906-2006.

Canadian Labour Congress 1956-2006.

### May

Canadian Museum of Civilization 1856-2006.

### June

Vancouver Aquarium 1956-2006.

Atlas of Canada 1906-2006.

### July

Mountaineering. 1906-2006.

World Lacrosse Championship. Canada's official summer sport - held in London, Ontario.

### August

Duck Decoys (4 designs).

Wine and Cheese (4 designs).

### September

Opera.

McDonald College 1906-2006.

### October

Stamp Month: Endangered Species (4 designs) Swift Fox, Blue Racer Snake, Tiger Salamander and Newfoundland Marten.

Society of Graphic Designers of Canada 1956-2006.

### November

Christmas (2 domestic designs, US and Int. rates).

## You Wanted to Know

At last month's meeting it was asked if Canada Post has ever put out as many Nova Scotia themed stamps as they have this year (6 to date). The answer: Yes, in 1995 (7), 2000 (9) and 2002 (5). In 1995, five of the stamps depicted Louisburg, and in 2000, six of the stamps were from the millennium series. So far over 80 stamps have had a Nova Scotia theme or connection. To top off this year the following stamps are planned that could have a Nova Scotia context: Atlantic Walrus and White-tailed Deer (\$1 definitive), Lady Slipper (89c definitive) and Sable Island Horse (\$2 definitive).



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## NOVAPEX 2006

Sept 15-17, 2006

## Dartmouth Sportsplex

Based on our experience at the Halifax Royal, 2006 will be a regional/national show. This means that exhibits can be judged at the national or regional level. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be exhibiting at the national level. There will be space for 160 frames. It is expected that there will be several out of province exhibits. We hope that there will be several out of province dealers. It will be the only national exhibition in the east since Royal 2004. **Please make a note of the date.**

## Newsletter Articles

How about writing an article or something of philatelic significance for the fall newsletter. A typed page will fill several columns - add images and the text length can be shorter. Contact Jeff for details at: [web-news@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:web-news@nsstampclub.ca)

Your notice of intent to submit should be sent by the middle of the previous month. Submission deadlines for fall are as follows:

Nov. - Oct. 28

Dec. - Dec. 2