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The Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club

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## UP and COMING

### **Oct 11 Club Meeting**

Program: Neil & Judy Bowlby Collecting Interests; Auction

### **Oct 20 Friends of Philately**

Bloomfield School, Halifax

### **Nov 8 Club Meeting**

Program TBA; Auction

### **Nov 12 Douglas Gray Philatelic**

Open House, Dartmouth

### **Nov 12 Exhibiting Workshop**

Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax

### **Nov 17 Friends of Philately**

Bloomfield School, Halifax

### **Dec 13 Club Meeting**

Program TBA; Christmas Charity Auction & Social

**Travelling?** Check out time and place of other shows at [www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html)

## **What could you get for a penny in 1898?**

### **A Trip from London to Fiji and back!**

By Michael Peach

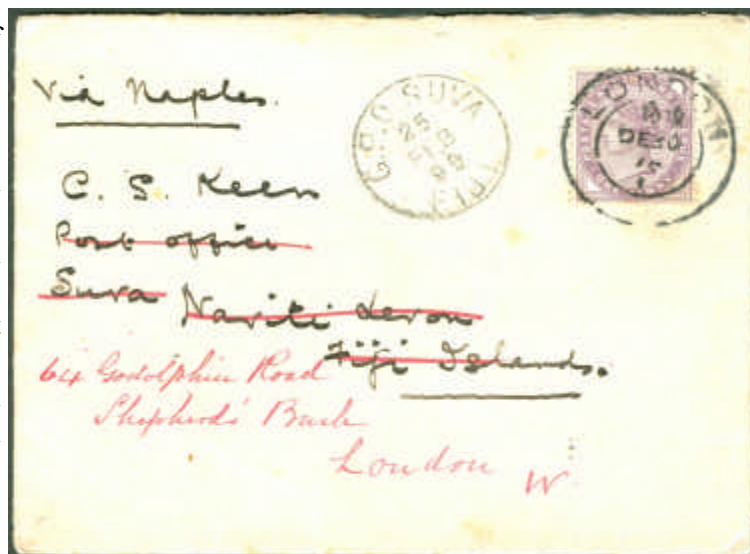
Imperial Penny Postage, one penny per ½oz to most countries of the British Empire, was introduced on 25 December 1898. Yes, the Post Office worked on Christmas Day. Fiji, being part of the British Empire, was included from the start. The cover shown was mailed from London on Friday 30 December 1898, just five days after the

commencement of Imperial Penny Postage. The 28mm hand stamp was used mainly on letters with late fee paid and mailed in special Sunday posting boxes. It travelled to Naples by rail and was then transferred to an Orient Line ship bound for the East, arriving in Sydney, New South Wales,

on 2 February 1899. It was sent on to the Fiji, arriving in Suva on 18 February. Unfortunately Mr. Keen was now in London, and the letter was sent back to London on 25 February, reaching in London on 10 May. There was no redirection charge.

The cover had been almost half way around the world and back, and all for one penny! The outbound journey took 51 days, while the return took 44.

In 1898 the basic letter rate from Great Britain to New South Wales was 6d. Australia was formed on 1 January 1901 by the unification of the six colonies and did not join Imperial Penny Postage until 1 April 1905.



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# October

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## Stamp Collecting Month



## Palmares

Novapex 2011 occurred the weekend of Sept 23 & 24. At the annual Awards Banquet, held at MacAskill's Restaurant, awards were given as shown to the right. In addition to the Awards of Merit for exhibiting, the Club also presents an award to a member that has shown outstanding contributions to the advancement of philately to the club or in Nova Scotia. This year's recipient of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award was **Gerald Tucker**.

The People's Choice Award will be

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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 C\$15 per person (US\$20 US, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club  
102 Birch Bear Run  
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8  
[webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$50 (CDN) per year.

## GOLD

Brainard Fitzgerald	The 1939 Royal Tour of North America - The Philatelic Trail
Graham McCleave *	Straight Line Cancels in Early New Brunswick
Michael Peach	Three Halfpenny Postage in Victorian Britain
Jane Sodero	Milford House - A Rustic Resort for Over a Century
Jack Forbes	Cyprus 1924-28 Shield Type Definitives Paying Surface Lettermail
Jack Forbes	Selected Decimal Blocks from Pre-confederation Eastern Canadian
Jane Sodero	The Postal Markings of Guysborough, N.S. 1838-1937

## VERMEIL

Sean Weatherup	The Railway Post Office in 19th Century Nova Scotia
Mary Pugh *	G B George V Commemorative Issues
Doreen FitzGerald	Greetings from Digby through Post Cards 1905 - 1935
Derek Smith	Saint John, N.B. - McCoy Patriotic and Heraldic Picture Post Cards
Graham Forbes *	Occupation Stamps of German East Africa During World War I
Elizabeth Sodero	Dilettante or Dreamer? William Parsons Colchester
Ron Smith *	New Brunswick Fancy Cancels on Small Queens

## SILVER

John Hall	RMS Lusitania
Lorraine Rasmussen	Henry Hechler, Foreign Stamp Dealer 1880-1889
Hugh Rathbun	Nova Scotia Postmarks in use when Victoria Ascended the throne...
Michael Peach	Imperial Penny Postage - Victorian Britain
Robert Lunn *	Canada's Space Accomplishments
Hugh Rathbun	Post Cards Showing Events at Post Offices in Nova Scotia

## SILVER-BRONZE

Raymond Corbett	Stamps of British Central Africa Protectorate 1893-1907
Marty Zeleneitz	Life List: A Collection of Birds on Stamps
John Hall	Dazzle Paint
Bill Burden	Admiral Re-entries: The One Cent Green and the Two Cent Carmine

## JJ MacDonald Award (Best in Show)

Brainard Fitzgerald	The 1939 Royal Tour of North America - The Philatelic Trail
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## J Doug Allen Novice Award (Best First Time Exhibitor)

Graham Forbes	Occupation Stamps of German East Africa During World War I
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## Ken C MacDonald Postal History Award

Graham McCleave	Straight Line Cancels in Early New Brunswick
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## David Cooper Memorial Trophy (One Frame Team Competition)

Fredericton Stamp Club - Team denoted with star (\*) above

Yes                      No



## Classifieds

### Hayden Collection

There is still a some material in Mrs. Barbara Hayden's collection that she donated to the club for it's benefit. Countries (mint and used) include: Canada, United States, Great Britain, Australia. Some quality early Canada stamps can be found.

If you wish to review and/or purchase any of this material contact Jeff Parks 876-0099.

**For Sale** from Club Member. Canada MNH VF plate blocks, souvenir sheets and collections. Face + 15%. No shipping charge. David Jones, 184 Larkin Dr., Nepean, ON K2J 1H9  
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**Amanda Lewis** has begun a business selling stamps and supplies - more details will follow in future editions. You can contact Amanda at [ARL1964@yahoo.ca](mailto:ARL1964@yahoo.ca).

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## BICENTENARIO PARAQUAY 2011

### Success for Nova Scotia Philately

The Bicentenario Paraguay 2011 International Philatelic Exhibition was held under FIP recognition and FIAF auspices in Asuncion May 6 -11, 2011.

Thirteen International judges performed jury and Expert Committee duties. Fifteen countries participated from North & South America and Europe with 146 exhibits on display.

NS Stamp Club member Fred Fawn's exhibit *Nova Scotia 1851-1853: The Preliminaries* received Gold (91 points), and was the only Gold award that Canada took home.

To see the high regard for Nova Scotia Philately, especially in South America, is very rewarding.

NSSC extends is congratulations to Fred for an exceptional exhibit, and maybe it will be seen in Nova Scotia in next year's Court of Honour.



**Deer Mailbox** This rural route mailbox was spotted by Neil & Judy Bowlby near Judy's sister's house on Oakview Circle, Morgan Hill, California. If you see an unusual mail or post box in your travels, take a picture and share with the rest of the readership.

## Membership

Barry Zolkivski, #1053 has been accepted as a member of the club.

### Executive Members

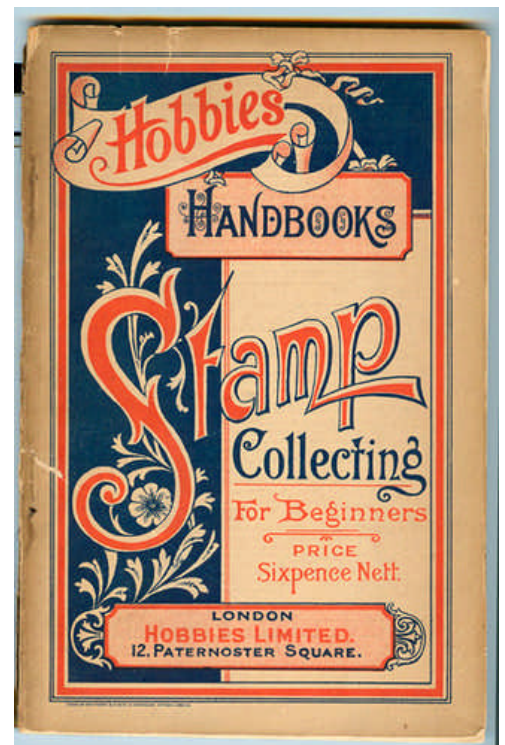
Past President, Michael Peach is pleased to announce the appointment of Lealand Frizzel to the NSSC Executive Committee.

### DUES

Dues are being paid in short order however, many are still outstanding. The first invoice is included with this month's newsletter if you are unpaid. Please diligent in paying as soon as possible. It may only be a small amount but the club needs your dues to assist in planning activities for the year..

### Newsletter Articles

Send me your articles and cover stories now. Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. Thanks for all those who have contributed in the past we look forward to hearing from you again. **The deadline for the October issue is October 28, 2011.**



From the Smithsonian Library, a booklet promoting the hobby from about 1898.