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Moncton NB (See page 4)

September 11 Club Meeting
AGM Business Meeting and
Anything goes Auction

September 20 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

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Dartmouth Sportsplex (See pg 3)

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October 13 Douglas J Gray
Open House Dartmouth

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September 28-30, 2012

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How I got Hooked on Collecting

by Guy Jeffrey

When I was a young boy I went exploring in my grandfather's garage attic. We lived in Montreal in Rosemount, and my grandfather lived all the way across town in Point Saint Charles. He lived in a working class neighbourhood near the CN Railway repair shops, and a visit to him was an adventure, having to take a long and exciting bus ride across Montreal, with two transfers and a wait somewhere downtown because the buses never ran according to schedule.



Point St. Charles CN Yards ca 1950s

My grandfather's garage was a frame construction, two storey dusty place. The bottom floor was the mysterious actual garage that had never had a car inside it. The upstairs was the attic.

The downstairs didn't even have the oily smell of a garage. It just smelled of dust. I could not figure out how a car could get into the garage. It was down a narrow alley attached to the back of the house behind the kitchen. If you could get a car down the alley there was no physical way that you could make a right-handed turn to get into the garage. There wasn't enough room. Once inside the garage there was no way that a car was ever getting out again. Perhaps that is why grandpa never had a car and the garage was filled with cardboard boxes and tin pails.

The tin pails were from the factory where grandpa worked. It was some sort of a cosmetics place called Ritchie Brothers. Just imagine, cosmetics in one gallon tin pails that Grandpa liberated from work to hang in his car-less garage. They were suspended from the ceiling in clusters like bananas in a grocery store. And there by the right side of the car-less garage there was a rickety pine staircase without a handrail leading to the attic.

The attic was a gold mine to explore on a rainy Saturday afternoon. There were so many treasures to open in amongst the old kitchen dishes, tired winter boots, tools, discarded clothing, rags, and broken furniture. And that is where I found the start of my stamp collection. I know now that it wasn't much of a collection but, because of the "finders keepers" rule, it was mine, all mine.



Growing up every boy has a version of the finders keepers rule. You get to keep anything that you find within some broad guidelines. The article must be lost or discarded so the previous owner cannot use the "misplaced" rule. That is the one where an attractive item was temporarily misplaced and the chain of ownership was technically unbroken. It was just sort of the idea that something was where it shouldn't have been just for "temporary storage" so the finders keepers rule didn't apply.

Most of the stamps in my finders keepers hoard were low denomination admirals, scrolls, and arches. There was nothing mint or on cover. There was not a single map or tercentenary, and not even a sniff of a jubilee. Quite

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a few of the stamps were stuck on the pages with industrial strength scotch tape. Those were the ones with the translucent rectangles on King George's face. Soaking was an unheard of art so there were many torn and partial specimens. There were also some envelopes stuffed with stamps and some ten cent approval glassine packages. All in all they were an ugly, damaged, worthless lot, but they were beautiful to me.

And so I got started on my hobby. My father said that it was his collection but I was quick to invoke the finders keepers rule. It was now mine. I don't think Dad even invoked the misplaced rule. He was happy to see his old collection find a new home away from the tin pail collection in the garage.

And Grandpa was happy to get something out of the attic above the garage. I suspect he wanted room upstairs for more bunches of tin pails. I should have learned from him that there is something in the heart of every collector that drives him to keep adding



stuff to his collection. If he can expand the collection to a new room in the house then he gets bonus collecting points. That's another rule.

My collecting hobby took a few detours while I joined the Navy, got a mortgage, raised a family and never had any spare time or money for stamps. But I kept returning to that old collection that I found in the attic. And that is how I started my stamp collection. But, for some strange reason, I never did get into collecting tin pails.

Olympic Torch

by Michael Peach

The London 2012 Olympics are now history.

Prior to the opening of the games on 27 July, the torch had been carried on a 70 day tour of the United Kingdom. The Post Office marked the stops on the journey with special cancellations on commemorative covers. On day 5 it traveled from Bath/Bristol to Cheltenham. The cover shown is the Cheltenham cover and depicts a steeplechase at the famous Cheltenham racecourse. The cover has an Olympic 1st class stamp, showing the London 2012 logo. The torch was carried around the racecourse by Zara Philips, the Queen's granddaughter. Zara went on to win a silver medal as part of the British team in the equestrian events.



1912-2012 Grey Cup Souvenir Sheet



British Olympic torch-bearer Zara Philips

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:

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NOVA PEX 2012

Friday Sept. 28 to Sun Sept. 30, 2012

Novapex 2012 is a National Level Stamp Exhibition and Bourse to be held at the Dartmouth Sportsplex

Schedule

Friday 12pm - 2pm	Exhibit Registration
2pm - 9 pm	Exhibit and Bourse
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm	Exhibit and Bourse
Sunday 9 am - 3 pm	Exhibit and Bourse

For more information please visit the website

www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex12.htm

There are 171 frames of exhibits in the combined Regional and national Exhibition. That is 2736 pages of philatelic goodness. The exhibit registration is now closed.

Members with material for sale at the **Club's Table** are asked to contact Karen Galbraith kgalbraith@eastlink.ca to discuss delivery of material. Format of the material and tally sheets is similar to previous years.

As always the Bourse will be filled with some familiar and new dealers. Members can rent Sales Tables at NOVAPEX for same price as dealers - contact Gary Steele gwsteele57@gmail.com.

Group meetings will occur during the show please contact your group organizer.

Banquet Tickets are \$45/person and are available from Martin Farrell martinfarrell@hfx.eastlink.ca.

The Organizing Committee hopes to see you all there and please bring a friend to help spread the word about this event.

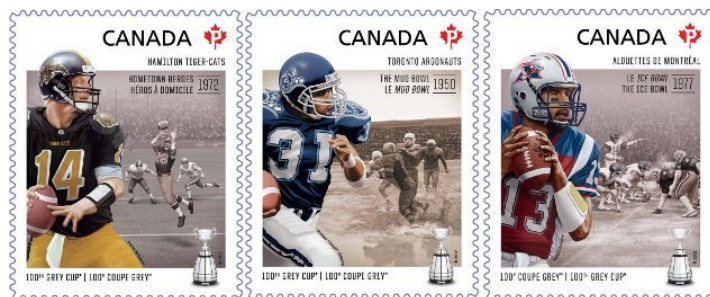
Stamp Oddities

This month's oddity is not so much odd as it is excessive. On page 2 I show the 100 Anniversary of the Grey Cup Souvenir Sheet (which actually measures 13.5 x 22.5 cm) that was released earlier this summer by Canada Post.

It is a nice design and celebrates an important aspect of Canadian sports, however, that is not the end of the release. Canada Post saw fit to issue nine booklets and nine first day covers in addition to this sheet - one for the Grey Cup and one each for the eight CFL teams.

I have ranted here before about the excessive waste of paper that Canada Post uses to create booklets to start with and the addition of 7 more booklets then was really necessary (I'll accept one for the Grey Cup and one-eight design booklet for the teams) really exemplifies this waste all in the name of sales of stamps to collectors or potentially new markets in the arm chair jocks that favour a particular team. I would really like to know who outside of the philatelic community except the odd "just happened to be in the store for something else crowd" ran down to the local PO to buy a booklet of their favourite team.

I do not follow sports (that may be obvious) and I don't begrudge Canada Post's subject matter, I'm even fine with 9 FDCs, but this whole booklet issue has got to come to a screeching halt. If this is what it takes to drive up sales to prop up Canada Post finances then maybe it is time for me to start collecting something else.



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I will be taking cash or cheque at the September meeting. Also you can send a cheque to the NS Stamp Club care of the address on Page 2.

Invoices will be sent out in October, but pay early and avoid the hassle and waste of paper.

Membership cards will be distributed either at the September meeting or the October newsletter.

Contact me at webnews@nsstampclub.ca or 876-0099 if you are unsure if you paid.

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Classifieds

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For Sale Germany

Collections in Lighthouse binders Berlin MNH, more or less complete, some of the earlier issues pre 1952 missing.

Bundesrepublik MNH, abt 1955–86

Bundesrepublik MNH 1987 – 2001

Bundesrepublik VFU abt 1950–84

Bundesrepublik VFU 1985-98.

Ersttagsblaetter (First Day Sheets)

Bundesrepublik complete 1975–87

Berlin complete 1975–87

Price negotiable

Great Britain

Decimal Commemoratives MNH collection, 1971-2007, in 2 Lighthouse binders.

Price negotiable

Canada

Annual Collections 1974 - 2007

Single years or the lot

Price negotiable

Contact Michael Peach 832-1662 or michael.peach@ns.sympatico.ca

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 September 28, 2012.**

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee proposes the following list of officers for the 2012-2013 year. There will be a call for further nominations at the AGM to be held at the September Club meeting, Tuesday 11 September. If you would like to nominate someone and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662.

The Executive Committee (2012 - 2013)

The Officers of the NSSC are defined by the club Constitution. Two of the Directors are elected by the Club Membership and the third is appointed by the Executive.

Executive

President	Sean Weatherup
Vice President	John Hall
Royal 2014 Chair	John Hall
Past President	Keith MacKay
Secretary	Bob Boehner
Treasurer	Marilyn Melanson
RPSC Liaison	Marilyn Melanson
Newsletter Editor	Jeff Parks
Directors	Marty Zelenietz
	Gary Steele
	Lea Frizzel

Appointments and Committees

Auctioneers	Stan Dunfield
	Jeff Parks
Librarian	Heather MacKenzie
Archivist	Lloyd Melanson
Auditor	Dave Harvey
Membership	Jeff Parks



Another summertime addition to the Canada Post family and a continuation of the Zodiac Series. Four new booklets released—see rant page 3.

Appointments and Awards

Royal 2012 Royale Edmonton

Jean-Jacques Tillard received a Gold and the Reserve One-Frame Grand Award for “St. Pierre et Miquelon, Le 20F. Montagne et Arbres de 1947”

Fred Fawn received a Vermeil and the BNAPS Best BNAP One-Frame Award for “Nova Scotia 1851-1863: The Preliminaries”

Jack Forbes won a one-frame Vermeil medal and the AAPE Title Page Award for “Cyprus—1924-28 Shield Type Definitives Paying Surface Lettermail Rates”. We hope to have a copy of the page in a future edition of the Nova Scotia Post. Jack also received a one - frame Vermeil for “Selected Decimal Blocks from Pre-Confederation Eastern Canadian Colonies” and a multi-frame Vermeil for “Cyprus – Period Surface Postal Rates Paid with King George VI Definitives”.

Michael Peach had a Silver showing for “Three Half Penny Postage in Victorian Britain”.

BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX is just over at the time of writing (Sept 3) so the Palmares is not yet available. Club award winners for this Exhibition will be posted in the October Newsletter.

Congratulations to our members for their successes. If you have received a philatelic award at a recent show, please let us all know.

BRUNPEX 2012

Saturday September 8 2012
10 am until 4 pm

The Fundy Stamp Collectors Club once a year hosts a BRUNPEX Show and Sale to allow collectors to display some of their collection and to aid dealers in the Maritime region to promote their sales.

Place: Rotary Lodge Centennial Park
St. George Blvd, Moncton, NB

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