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UP and COMING

October 8 Moncton Stamp Fair

October 11 Club Meeting
"Back to Basics" - Neil Bowlby
Auction

October 15-16 CANPEX 2016
National Philatelic Exhibition
London, Ontario
www.canpex.ca

October 20 Friends of Philately

November 8 Club Meeting
"Back to Basics"; Auction

Nov. 12 Moncton Stamp Fair

Nov. 17 Friends of Philately

December 10
Moncton Stamp Fair

December 13 Club Meeting

May 25-28 Royale 2017
Boucherville, Quebec

Travelling? Check out time and
place of other shows at
www.rpsc.org/shows.html or
www.csdaonline.com/shows



NSSC President Keith MacKay and Jean-Jacques Tillard (award Sponsor) present Gary Steele with the Reserve Grand Award, a fine piece of Porcelain hand crafted in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon.

Novapex Wrap-up

by Marty Zelenietz

Novapex 2016, this year's version of our annual stamp extravaganza, has come and gone in a whirlwind blur of set-up, judging, shopping and feasting. Over 100 competitive national frames were complimented by many regional exhibits. The jury, composed of Ed Kroft, chair (British Columbia), Francois Brisse (Quebec) and Rob Lunn (New Brunswick), worked long and hard to judge and critique the exhibits and to distribute the various awards and honours. Our thanks to them for their terrific effort. The J. J. MacDonald Best of Show Trophy and the Novapex 2016 Grand Award went to J.J. Tillard of St. Pierre Michelin for his exhibit "St. Pierre et Miquelon, ses Surcharges au 19e siècle". The Reserve Grand Award, sponsored by J.J. Tillard, was awarded to Gary Steele for his "Canadian Dead Letter Office Handstamps" exhibit. A full list of exhibitors and awards received can be found in the Palmares, page XX of this newsletter.

For the first time ever, the team from the Nova Scotia Stamp Club triumphed in the single-frame team competition, capturing the Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy. A long time coming!!

A show the size of Novapex does not just "happen". It is the result of hard work by a dedicated team of organizers and volunteers. Particular thanks this year go to Guy Jeffery, who served as show chair and brought everything together (including the fabulous Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn); Sean Weatherup, who organized the awards, certificates, layouts and just about anything else you can think of; Keith MacKay, who handles arrangements (and seat) for the frames. Many others who contributed to the effort are listed in the Novapex 2016 Program, ably produced by Jeff Parks.

A final shout-out to all the exhibitors and dealers who provided the "material" that is at the heart of every stamp show. Job well done.



NSSC President Keith MacKay presents Jean-Jacques Tillard with the J. J. MacDonald Best of Show Trophy and the Novapex 2016 Grand Award, a lovely piece of Nova Scotia Crystal, a two piece candle/votive holder.



The winners of the Dave Cooper Memorial 1-Frame Team Competition were the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Team, shown left to right, Keith MacKay, Jack Forbes, Guy Jeffery, Sean Weatherup, Judge Ed Kroft, and John Hall.

Club News

by Marty Zelenietz

Membership Dues

Yes it is that time of the year again. Last year 49 people did not pay dues - in part that there was no newsletters to remind you. It is your responsibility to ensure that your membership stays current.

Do not send dues to the new member address.

Dues are payable to:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club

c/o Marilyn Melanson, Treasurer

28 Birch St Halifax, NS B3N 2V1

Moncton Stamp Fairs

The Moncton Stamp Fair is located at the Royal Canadian Legion, 100 Veterans Avenue Moncton on the Second Saturday of the month. The Fundy Stamp club will hold a Silent auction between 10 am and 1 pm and a Live Auction at 1:20 pm. Fundy Club Members may present stamp lots for the auctions.

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.

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

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
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Crisis Averted

The Executive Committee met on 27 September to consider the issues of leadership and governance of the club. A number of ideas were discussed. Director Guy Jeffery stepped forward to offer his name for the position of president, on the clear understanding that he would be away from December to April. Keith MacKay, Past President, volunteered to serve in Guy's stead during that interval. So we have averted a crisis, and have leadership for the current year without having to address the numerous complexities of changing our form of governance. This gives us some time to plan for the future. The best scenario, and one that we are working on, is to identify someone willing to take on the club presidency in September 2017. We'll keep you posted.

The other major issue the Executive addressed also arose from the September club meeting- what to do about NOVAPEX 2017. As NOVAPEX 2017 is slated to be a regional show (hence smaller and less complicated than a national-level show), it was agreed that we would explore an April date at a smaller venue, possibly the Dartmouth Seniors' Centre. We are currently looking into what arrangements can be made. The fate of NOVAPEX beyond 2018 is open to discussion: national or regional, new venue (the Sportsplex will be closed for renovations), etc. To move the discussion along, we are attaching a questionnaire to this newsletter to get feedback from club members about our annual show. Please fill it out and return it by mail to 33 Beech St, Dartmouth, NS, or bring it to the club meeting. If you can figure out how to do it electronically, you can send it to zelen@ns.sympatico.ca.

New Members

Fenton M. Isenor of Sydney, NS has applied for membership in the Club.

Aaron K. Siepierski, Bedford, NS #1072 enjoys collecting eastern European, and more specifically Polish stamps.

Michael Mather Deep Brook, NS #1073 collect Cyprus, Falkland Islands and Great Britain.

Upcoming Events

The October meeting, on the 11th, will continue the "Back to Basics" theme inaugurated in the spring by Neil Bowlby. There will be hands-on demonstrations of watermark detecting and perforation measurement. There will also be an auction, so bring those goodies you want to sell.

November will also focus on "Back to Basics" with a look at soaking, mounts, and the use of ultra-violet lights. The November meeting will be on the 8th.

Newsletter Material

The material for the newsletter has been rather thin as of late—contributing to our recent absence from the scene. Please, everyone, dig! There must be something of interest that you can write a couple of paragraphs or a story on. It is an easy task for us to fill many pages when there is a story at hand. Not so much when the editor must dig for the material himself. Thanks in advance.

Dead Letter Office (DLO) Handstamps

by Gary Steele

District Post Office Inspector

D. L. O.

JUN 11 1948

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CALGARY, ALBERTA

While working on my Dead Letter Office Wax Seal & Boxed Registration handstamp exhibit for BNAPEX in Niagara Falls last year I happened to see this item. The lower handstamp with a large '2' on it was what caught my eye. Not being able to see what was under the stamp was the gamble. Knowing that this item came from the Calgary Post Office as a Returned Dead Letter increased my odds. I thus jumped in and purchased the cover.

Forgetting that I even bought this item it arrived in the mail today. After gingerly coaxing the 2 cent due to lift a bit I was able to see the letters 'D. L. O.' above the date. Thus confirmed



this handstamp was a new report with no known proof, previously unknown. An Only Known Copy (OKC).

The first line is 'District Post Office Inspector' assuming handled by the Post Office Inspector or their office. This is confirmed by a similar handstamp #1 left (not related).

On June 11 1948 a letter was placed in this brown Returned Dead Letter cover and sent to Alberta Beach, Alberta whereby a Dead Letter Return fee of 3 cents was collected. The postage due stamps were applied and tied to cover by the boxed handstamp.

Earle Covert is currently reprinting the Stationery Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue. In it will be a very large listing of these Returned Dead Letter Office envelopes sometimes called (Ambulance Covers).



Banned Stamps

by Marty Zelenietz

Last summer, I received the following note from a stamp dealer in the US, who will remain unidentified for obvious reasons. The note was written after the US had committed to reopening diplomatic relations with Cuba. Those relations obviously don't impact the decades-long embargo on dealing in Cuban materials, particularly those oh-so-subversive postage stamps. Living in Canada, and being able to buy Cuban stamps as we would stamps of any other country, maybe we don't realize how lucky we are when compared to our American neighbours.

Enclosed your stamps, thanks again. Also a few Cuba & a couple others. For a long time I had been selling a few Cuba- then Paypal froze my account without notice and reported me to the government for trading in embargoed goods - my crime was selling a used 1960 stamp to someone in Australia for 8¢. Hard to see how this would benefit Castro, and I doubt the collector in Australia is one of his gang.

Anyway my account was locked up for a couple of weeks and I had to promise never to do it again or account would be permanently cancelled with no appeal (while frozen I could still add money to it - nice of them).

This happened to many others also. One committed the crime of listing a 1878 issue, another for listing a US postcard cancelled Soudan, Minnesota (Sudan is also on the bad country list, also North Korea and Burma). It seems Paypal has installed a program that flags anything with Cuba, etc. without common sense. Even sellers in Europe have been targeted.

Please don't tell Paypal what I have done or we both may get life in prison!



NOVAPEX 2016 PALMARES

Regional Awards

Bronze

Cheryl Grantham Road to Rio

Silver-Bronze

John Hall Masterpeices of Canadian Art Stamps
BNAPS - Elizabethan Study Group—Corgi

Silver

John Hall The Story of the Titanic

AAPE Silver Pin

Keith MacKay Halifax Buildings Illustrated on Victoria and
Edward Advertising Covers

AAPE WE Sterling Achievement

Vermeil

Graham Forbes British Military Post Offices of the 2nd Boer War

PHSC - Rich Toop Best Military

Keith Mackay The 'Streets' of Halifax: Gottingen and Morris
Street Post Offices 1894-1903

AAPE Novice, AAPE Silver Pin

J Doug Allen Novice

Daniel Michaud The Use of Semi-Official Airmail Stamps from
1924-1934

BNAPS - Best BNA (regional)

National Awards

Non-Competitive

Francois Brisse Bordeaux, 150 Years of Postal History

Rob Lunn The Canadian 1898 Imperial Penny Postage Stamp:
A Rate Change Study

Certificate of Merit

James McCorry The 100 Year History of the Royal Canadian Navy...

Silver-Bronze

Guy Jeffery Numeral 236 Postal Markings

Michael Peach British Postal Stationery Cut-outs Q. Elizabeth

Silver

Sylvia Ficken Cod, Seal, Ships, Ice and Salmon

AAPE WE Sterling Achievement

Sylvia Ficken Dogs on Newfoundland Postal and Revenue Material,
1887-1942

Sylvia Ficken Caribou on Newfoundland Postal Material, 1897-1942

Matthew Gaiser The NHL All-Stars

John Hall War Tax and the Post Office

John Hall Gasoline Rationing on the Home Front

Guy Jeffery Toronto Fancy Cancells in the Small Queen Era

Guy Jeffery Montreal Street Cancells in the Small Queen Era

Jeff Parks Illustrated Business Mail - Clayton & Sons,
Halifax, NS 1882-1951

Ron Smith Star Cancells in the Small Queen Era

Sean Weatherup The Short Line and Railway Post Office

Ron Smith Identifying Fakes, Forgeries and Spurious
Cancells ... from the Small Queen Era

AAPE Philatelic Exhibiting Creativity Award

Vermeil

Brainard Fitzgerald Exhibiting Choices for the 1939 Royal Visit

AAPE Gold Pin

Jack Forbes Cyprus- KGVI Definitives Used on Surface Mail

Jack Forbes The Squared Circle Cancells of Bradford,
Yorkshire, England

J-Claude Michaud Newfoundland Postage Due Usages

Carl Munden Cape Breton in Lieu of Nova Scotia

Ron Smith Letters, Initials and Place-name Cancells in the
Small Queen Era

Elizabeth Sodero A Survey of "Blue" Admiral Usage

Gold

Doreen Fitzgerald World War I- Messages Home in Silk

AAPE Gold Pin

BNAPS - Best 2,3,4 Frame BNA

Jack Forbes Cyprus- Air Mail Usages Paid with KGVI Definitives

CAS - Best Aerophilately

George MacKenzie Aerophilately

Jack Forbes Usages of The Squared Circle Cancells of Cyprus

Michael Mather London Cancells Development ...Victorian Period

PSSC - Specialization Medal

Graham McCleave Straightline Cancells in Early New Brunswick

BNAPS - Best One Frame BNA

David Nickson Australia- King George V Side Faced Surface
Printed Issues 1914-1937

Gary Steele Canadian Dead Letter Office Handstamps

AAPE Title Page Creativity

APS Medal of Excellence 1900-1940

BNAPS - Best BNA, Best Researched BNA

PHSC - Best BNA Postal Exhibit

Reserve Grand Award

J-Jacques Tillard St. Pierre et Miquelon, ses Surcharges au 19e Siecle

APS Medal of Excellence Pre1900,

APS Research

JJ MacDonald—Best in Show; Grand Award

J-Jacques Tillard St. Pierre et Miquelon, le 20 F. "Montange et Arbes"
de 1947

APS Medal of Excellence 1940-1980

One-Frame Grand Award

Sean Weatherup The Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth

Ken C MacDonald Postal History

The Dave Cooper Memorial — One Frame Team Competition

Team Nova Scotia Stamp Club:

Jack Forbes, John Hall, Guy Jeffery, Keith MacKay, Sean Weatherup