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Greetings

One of the many pleasures of being associated with WTSC is meeting the many members with whom I share the enjoyment of the hobby and acquiring reciprocal friendship. The late Ernie French was one.

Here is a note sent to Shirley Moffett, daughter of a long time member the late Ernie French.

Dear Shirley,

My dear friend Reay Cairns has informed me that he was in contact with you regarding to a payment of \$120.00 owing to your late Dad, Ernie French.

The pleasant surprise was that the payment is now turned to our Stamp Club as a donation for the enjoyable hours your Dad spent with us.

Ernie, as we knew him for a good number of years, is still remembered as a true gentleman, a diligent collector, and most of all a great friend. Will all miss him!

Shirley, on behalf of our Club, I would like to thank you very much for your kind generosity and wish you the best in life. I know your dear Dad would have been proud of you.

kindest regards,

Frank Alusio, WTSC President,

Dear Frank;

You are very welcome. Dad spent many pleasant hours with the kindred souls at the Stamp Club. I know the donation in his name will be put to good use.

Sincerely

Shirley

Auctions

In the last Bulletin it was mentioned that we are making some changes to our auctions. Since then we have developed three items:

1. The Auctions Guidelines
2. The new Auction Tag
3. Instructions on how to fill out the tag

The three items are posted on our website www.westtorontostampclub.org for your familiarization. You can download the tags and then cut the sheet in four parts. We will start to use the new tags from the Fall Invitational Auction, on 13 December 2011.

Auction Guidelines

There are three (3) types of stamp auctions conducted at West Toronto Stamp Club: **Silent**, **Vocal** and **Invitational**.

The **Silent** and **Vocal** take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month;

The **Invitational** takes place two times a year: the first one (**Fall Auction**) on the 2nd Tuesday of December; the second (**Spring Auction**) on the 4th Tuesday of April.

1. Participation

Any member of the Club, in good standing, is invited to submit lots to the Auctions Chairperson.

2. Lots Description

Items are to be mounted on stiff paper and described on the auction tag as per instructions.

Note: If the lot does not meet the instructions conditions it will be returned to the vendor.

3. Submission of Lots

Lots for the **Silent** and **Vocal** Auctions must be submitted two (2) weeks prior to the auction. Lots for the **Invitational** Auctions must be submitted four (4) weeks prior to the auction. Where possible lots for the **Vocal** & **Invitational** Auction will be scanned and put on the CLUB web-site.

4. Minimum Lot Value

Silent: \$3.00 & over (Including Bulk lots in bags & boxes)

Vocal: \$10.00 & over (Including bulk lots in Album)

Invitational: \$20.00 & over (Including Bulk lots in Album)

5. Bidding

Silent Auction : Starting bid \$0.50 or the reserve; thereafter, increments of \$0.25, or more

Vocal Auction : Starting bid The reserve

Invitational : Starting bid The reserve

Vendors are encouraged to protect their lots, especially the good ones, with a reserve bid. If the lots are not protected, there is a possibility that they may be sold at a low bid.

6. Commission Charge

The Club will charge 10% of sale paid by vendor. No charge for unsold lot. Unsold lot(s) will be returned to vendor.

7. Payment to Vendor

The Vendor will be paid at the next regular meeting of the CLUB

The new Auction Tag

1 Auction date:		2 Lot No.	
3 Member No.		4 Auction type:	
5 Country:		6 Cat. No.	
7 Cat. Name:		8 Cat. Year:	
9 Cat. Value \$		10 Starting or Reserve Bid \$	
11 Condition of item(s) and additional info:			
Bidder No.	Bid \$	12	Bidder No. Bid \$
13 Winning Bidder No.		14 Final Bid \$	

Instructions on how to fill out the tag

The vendor must fill out the auction tag and attach it to the lot as per the following instructions:

1. If you wish, insert the date when the lot will be auctioned, i.e. **day month year**
2. Leave this field blank. The lot number will be placed by the Club for record purpose
3. Insert your membership number
4. In which auction would you like to place the lot: in **Vocal** or **Silent** or **Invitational**?

5. Insert the country name
6. Insert the catalogue number
7. Name of the catalogue used, i.e. **Scott, Unitrade, Michel**, etc.
8. Insert the catalogue year,
9. Insert the catalogue value,
10. Insert the starting or reserve bid, if you want to protect your lot
11. In this field describe the condition of the item(s), i.e. **MNH, LH, NG, VF, F**, and any additional information including flaws, etc.
12. This field is dedicated for competing bidding.
- 13 & 14 These two fields are used for accounting purposes.

Note: These tags are available on our website (www.westtorontostampclub.org). Please print your own or pick them up at our Club.

Your cooperation in adapting to this new change will be greatly appreciated.

Calendar of Activities		
All the activities are on Tuesdays		
Nov 01	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Nov 08	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Show-and-tell
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions
Nov 15	6:30 pm	1st Toronto Post Office Group Visit
Nov 22	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Demonstration
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions
Dec 06	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Dec 09	7:00 pm	Christmas Dinner
Dec 13	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Short meeting
	7:45 pm	Fall Invitational Auction

Annual Dues

If you haven't paid the dues by now you will not save \$5.00; your renewal is now \$20.00.

Christmas Dinner

The date for the Christmas Dinner is set for 9 December. Further details will be announced later.