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President's Message

First of all, thank you to **Garfield Portch** for his excellent presentation this past month on "Preparing a Competitive Philatelic Exhibit". Be sure to attend Part 2, to be given by International Gold Award winner **Frank Alusio** in February. The information provided will be of benefit to all of us as we consider how we might participate in our Club Exhibition in May 2015. Will it be a single page, multi page, or one frame exhibit? We are fortunate to have knowledgeable philatelists in our club who are willing to share. Thank you gentlemen.

As well, thank you to all who shared during our Show and Tell / Learn and Share times. In the new year, consider telling us about a resource you use or a new or interesting philatelic find or item from your collection.

I am sure you would agree that learning something new, adds to the pleasure of this hobby. This month's websites, I would like to point you to, deal with perfins. Check them out! Both are great resources you may want to add as favourites on your computer.

<http://www.bnaps.org/PerfinHandbook/PerfinHandbook.htm>
<http://www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc/links/links.html>

A concluding thought: With the onslaught of snow, we know that winter is upon us even though the calendar says it's Fall until Dec 21st. Snow tires, cleaning the furnace, finding that car window scrapper and starting or completing the Christmas shopping are items that seem to dominate and take over the calendar. In spite of the business ahead, be sure to take time to enjoy family and festive activities and take a few moments to reflect on the meaning of the season.

On behalf of the club executive, **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year** to you and your family. Here's hoping you were good and that Santa leaves you a neat philatelic item under the tree.

Christmas Dinner

To date, 26 club members and spouses will be attending this year's Christmas get together and dinner **Friday, December 12, 6:30 pm** at the Canadiana Restaurant – Six Points Plaza. If you would still like to join us please send me an email and bring the \$30.cash to the meeting

Tuesday Dec 09. Looking forward to a fine meal, good company and interesting door prizes.

Membership

As at December 02, the current membership status is as follows:

At the end of August 2014		78
Renewals	75	
Reinstated	1	
New members	5	
Resigned	1	
Members paid-up to date		81

There are still two (2) members who have not yet renewed. The Club welcomes new members **J. P. You, Sab Mendl** and the **Perrone Family**.

Volunteer/s Urgently Needed



Still looking for a volunteer or volunteers to make sure that a cookie is available and that the coffee is on for our meetings. If you can help please let me know by return email. (sidmensinga@gmail.com) A special thank you goes out to Fred Froud who so faithfully looked after this task over many years. His gift of hospitality has been great appreciated. **THANK YOU FRED!**

December Activities

All meetings are held on Tuesday evening. Doors open 6:30 pm, meeting start 7:00 pm.

Dec. 02 ~ The Machin Study Group, under the leadership of David Gooderham, will meet at 7:00 pm. (Room 1)

Dec. 09 ~ Fall 2014 Invitational Auction will be held in the Auditorium. Lots range from \$20. to \$2,000. Bring your lots listing with you.

Dec. 12 ~ Christmas Dinner will be held at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza.

During the festivities the Club takes a pause. The activities will resume on Jan 06, 2014.

