



Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

A recent quote from Harvard medical school states. "***Hobbies, volunteering, or participating in clubs*** — involve creativity, sensory engagement, self-expression, relaxation, and cognitive stimulation, which are linked to good mental health and well-being. Plus, taking part in hobby groups keeps you socially connected, which helps reduce loneliness and isolation."

WTSC provides each of us the opportunity to weekly engage in our great philatelic hobby enabling that positive mental health and well being.

Besides our monthly online and in-person meetings, special events also keep us socially connected and builds that sense of community that we all need and value. Be sure to attend these two upcoming WTSC Special Events.

WTSC Christmas 2024 Festive Get Together & Dinner. on **Tuesday December 17th** to be held the at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza. Come and share in the festive spirit and visit with fellow club members and their significant others while enjoying a delicious meal together. The cost, subsidized by the club, is **\$35.** per person. (tax & tip included) Sign up during the upcoming meetings this month or contact Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com. Payment can be made in cash or by E-TRANSFER: president@westtorontostampclub.org A special flyer providing more detail will also be sent out to all members.



WTSC 90th Anniversary - Friday March 28, 2025

90th Anniversary dinner tickets and information anticipated to be available soon. Looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with local and online members, guests and friends of WTSC.

Circuit Book Leadership volunteer opportunity!

Opportunities to volunteer also exist. [The WTSC Circuit Book program needs a new Circuit Book Manager.](#) See page 3 which details the many aspects of the volunteer role, noting tasks that need to be dealt with directly and others that need to be managed and may be able to be delegated. How might you support the continued success of this valued WTSC program? Thank you for your carefully considering this volunteer leadership opportunity.

NOVEMBER- PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Nov. 5 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "*Contents of Letters and on Postcards - Who sent, who received, what is it about?*"

Nov. 12 - Auction & Circuit Book evening - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

Nov. 19 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "*The Straight Jack Flag of 1896, 11-22 April – a detailed census & analysis.*"

Nov. 26 - Auction & member/vest pocket dealer tables - In-person - Fairfield Centre.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

For those who have yet to do so, you are reminded to renew your membership for the 2024/25 session at the regular cost of \$20.

Not everyone can attend in person, so following are some other ways you can renew your membership.

Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque. Details are as follows:

E-TRANSFER: The WTSC email for e-transfer is: president@westtorontostampclub.org

CHEQUES: Make your cheque payable to WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB
And send it to: *West Toronto Stamp Club*
c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation
10 Summerhill Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8



Happy Stamping!
Ted Swain - Membership Director

THE DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING

Sid Mensinga will present "**The Straight Jack**" cancellation as used between April 11 and April 22 in Montreal as part of the evaluation of the Imperial Rapid Cancelling Machine. This presentation will feature a new study that is being unveiled at the Philatelic Specialists Society a week earlier.



Earliest reported day and hour of use.

WTSC CIRCUIT REPORT - Simon Cloughton

On October 5th our "A and B" circuit teams took the circuit to the Woodstock Circuit Fair which saw us bring in \$385 with 17 customers participating.

On October 8th our circuit team had the circuit at our WTSC Meeting, which saw us bring in \$85 with 10 customers participating.

The Circuit team has been invited the Hamilton Circuit Day on November 1st, and we expect another very good day.



WTSC circuit at the Woodstock event.

WTSC CIRCUIT BOOK MANAGER ROLE- Looking for a new manager!!

Please review this detailed list of duties/actions, that with a team of helpers needs to be managed - *Outlined in comprehensive step by step detail by Victoria our soon to retire Circuit Book Manager.*

At meetings/events

- Bring the binders to the meetings or events
- Staff the circuit table during meetings (there are helper teams)
- Total and check sales slips
- Receive payments and make change
- Receive new pages submitted by members

After the meetings/events

- Reconcile the meeting or event sales as described below
- Sanity-check the Excel totals for the date against a rough count of the sales slips or cashbox contents
- Remove completed empty pages and return to members
- Document new pages as described below and place them into the binders

Circuit book administration

- Entering new pages
- Sort by country
- Date stamp at the top, using date pages received (typically the meeting date) · Write in a number for each page, by checking the spreadsheet and ensuring no duplication of numbers (use the 30,000's if no convenient and sufficiently large range round)
- Insert new lines for these pages in the spreadsheet (note that countries are fairly mixed up: a total renumbering might be a good idea going forward)
- Enter the page number, book number, country, member number, date entered, and initial total page value for each submitted page, columns A to F
- Check that member number is entered correctly (important for reconciliation) · Place the pages in the appropriate binder (or use a "new pages" binder)

Reconciling after a circuit book meeting or event

- Create a new column for the meeting or event date after the previously used date
- Locate the pages referred to by the sales slips (searching the spreadsheet by page number will provide the book number in column B)
- Note that sales slips will often have consecutive pages in the same book, making following these straightforward
- Verify the removed item's price against the empty space on the circuit page
- Enter the totals into the appropriate page line/date column cell, using the values on the circuit page (NOT the sales slip) (letting Excel do the adding within the cell is useful)
- Date stamp the empty cell where stamp used to be
- If no match is found on sales slips, enter missing stamp value into the unaccounted cell (at the bottom of the spreadsheet) for that date
- If an obvious underpayment is made, enter the shortfall into the not/short paid cell for that date · If a payment made but stamp is not taken, enter the amount into the overpaid cell for that date

Inquiry from a WTSC member

I recently discovered several US coil starter strips in a collection I purchased. Do we have any US collectors in our club? The strips range from 486 to 839. Some of them are full starter strips, while a few are only partial. I scanned a sample of each. I have been trying to find pricing on them, without success. Any assistance our club members can offer would be appreciated.

Thank you, Willy Schlatter, wstamps1@outlook.com 705-252-4559



EXHIBITING AND PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE

ROYAL 2024 ROYALE

Don Hedger

- Silver Bronze Single Frame - A Canadian Soldiers Postcards Mailed During WW1 (63)

Ann Miller

- Vermeil Multi-Frame -Princess Elizabeth Stays in Malta (The Malta 1950 "Royal Visit" Issue) (77)
- RPSC Award-Award for Excellence – Novice
- American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award - Novice Award
- American Topical Association Award- Second Place

Garfield Portch

- Vermeil Single Frame - *The Rapid Cancellling Machine Experiments in Montreal, 1896 to 1900*

Ken Snelson

- Large Gold Single Frame -*The Returned Letter Wrappers of the London 1d/2d Post - 1797-1832*
- Gold Multi-Frame - *Sealing Labels of UK Returned Letter Offices & Branches*
- American Philatelic Society Award - *Research Award*

Ken was honoured and asked to sign the “Fellows Book” in Fredericton

- The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) awards the designation of "Fellow" to long-time philatelists who have made significant contributions to the development of philately in Canada. – **Congratulations Ken!**

CANPEX 2024

Ken Snelson

- Large vermeil – Single frame - *Demise of UK Postage Dues Stamps*
- American Philatelic Society Award - Post 1980 Medal of Excellence and Ribbon for above exhibit
- Large vermeil – Single frame- *Imaginary Philatelic Circumnavigation*

Dharmendra Patel

- Large Silver - Single Frame – *Gandi: Father of a Nation, Bapu & Mahatma*
- American Topical Award - Third Place (Medal and Ribbon) for the Mahatma Gandhi Exhibit
- Silver Bronze – Single frame - Naval Heroes and Naval History

PUBLISHING AND PRESENTATIONS

Gregg Redner

Publications:

- 'Belgium: The origin and development of postal instructional labels' - *The London Philatelist*, Vol. 133, October 2024
- 'Canadian Air Flight Abandoned - Letter Returned', *Auxiliary Markings*, Vol 21, No. 4
- 'Italian 24-B Al Mittente Labels: A History to 1956' - Part 1, *Auxiliary Markings*, Vol. 21, No. 4
- 'When imprimé isn't imprimé! Or then again, is it?' - *Postage Due Mail Study Group Journal*, No. 111

Presentations:

- 'The 3c King Albert I issue of Belgium (1920)' - The Royal Philatelic Society of London

PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT

We are fortunate to live in a time when we can view many great exhibits online.

This month check out the many superb exhibits available to you at the click of a

<https://bnaps.org/ore/ore-index.php#exhibits>



DECEMBER LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2024 via Zoom, the topic for our third virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is: **“End of Year Festivities.”**

For this wide-ranging subject, almost anything goes.

Naturally we'd like to hear about your favourite Christmas stamps.

Of particular historical interest, the world's first to bear that reference was Canada's two-cent Imperial Penny Postage map stamp with 'XMAS 1898' printed at the bottom.



Of particular interest is this year marking the 60th anniversary of Canada's post office decking the halls with annual Yule-season commemoratives. Indeed, there has been more than 200 different designs.



The first set, in 1964, was a pair of small-format engraved stamps featuring a couple in silhouette, holding hands with their son and daughter. The family is standing in snow, with evergreen trees in the distance, looking into the sky lit by the Star of Bethlehem.



Other festivities in the latter months and early in the New Year that have been featured on stamps include Hanukkah, Eid, Diwali, plus outdoor activities including skiing, hockey, skating, tobogganing, and sleigh-riding.



Many foreign countries have also issued Christmas-theme stamps, with a wide variety of subjects.



There are also Christmas seals, produced to raise funds for worthwhile charities.

As with all Learning Workshops, members and visitors are encouraged to participate, sharing their favourite stamp and postal history topics.



- Ian Robertson



OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS.

Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Talks

November 11 - Leon Matthys - Halifax Explosion

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Panels

November 18 - Specialist Societies - Focus on BNAPS



POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF CANADA



RPSC-PHSC Joint Symposium on Postal History (November 9, 2024) Get ready

for a postal history feast! **The RPSC-PHSC Joint Symposium on Postal History** will take place by Zoom on Saturday, November 9, 2024, 12:00 to 5:00 PM EST. The event is open to all. The program and meeting links, shown below and at this [link](#), may also be accessed via the websites of the RPSC and PHSC.

The Symposium will feature three concurrent streams presenting material which is designed to interest beginner, intermediate and advanced collectors of postal history. The full program is shown below.

How to access the event - The link for the plenary session will be active beginning at 11:45 AM.

Plenary Sessions stream: <https://tinyurl.com/3jz5v53d>

How to access the individual streams - The links for individual tracks below are active for the duration of the event and can be accessed at anytime.

Beginner stream:

<https://tinyurl.com/mc4c4tnd>

Intermediate stream:

<https://tinyurl.com/dekhhbre>

Advanced stream:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8dd24e7>

North Toronto Stamp Club Bourse November 9th

[Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, M4T 1Z9](#)

Up to 20 dealers starting at 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Free parking.



FALL FAIR 2024

Hamilton Stamp Club

**Friday November 1
& Saturday November 2**

**Bishop Ryan High School
1824 Rymal Road East
Hamilton Ont. L0R 1P0**

Friday, November 1

Voice Auction: 6:30 pm

Viewing: 4:30 - 6:30

Guest Sales Circuits: 5 - 9 pm

Saturday, November 2

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

15 Stamp Dealers & Silent Auctions
Free stamps & prizes for students

WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

1. Wanted -Canada #2981 (\$2.50) and #2982 (P) Vimy Ridge stamps
Canada #3129 \$4 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
Contact Ernest at etypeprinter@gmail.com
2. If you are burdened with an excess of used Canada Admirals, I may be able to help. I am always looking for Admirals in quantity to further my research on plate flaws. Contact wgburden@mac.com for details. Thanks.
3. **For sale** *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland 2nd Edition (2022)* \$30. Contact Rob at timberg@bell.net.
The book was never used. However, it has a number of dents and nicks on its front cover. It was received in that condition from the CAS.

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS: Ad space is free. Send to sidmensinga@gmail.com

Ads for the monthly Bulletins must be submitted by the Monday of the last week of the month.