

# The Bulletin

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The American Philatelic Society News Team recently received exciting news: a new virtual stamp club is on the way! Learning About Stamps Online (or LASO for short) plans to provide an online forum for stamp collectors of all ages, skill levels, and philatelic interests — all that's required is an internet connection and a passion to learn. LASO members will share knowledge and resources to better appreciate, enjoy, and promote the hobby of stamp collecting.

### Joining LASO

Membership in LASO does not require dues or fees. If you are interested in joining the club, just fill out the sign-up form at the web address given below.

LASO will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. The club plans to begin monthly meetings no later than July, with a possible trial run in June.

LASO's focus is on learning. The club will promote presentations and discussions devoted to supporting stamp collectors of varying levels to improve their skills and knowledge related to stamp collecting. LASO will not sponsor or promote activities related to buying and selling stamps. For a more detailed view of club bylaws there is link through the website.

### Operating Team Volunteers

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on LASO's initial Operating Team, please email [antonejaboud@gmail.com](mailto:antonejaboud@gmail.com) to volunteer. At the moment, LASO would like to find up to three additional members. The team currently consists of:

### LASO Operations Team

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Editor – mostly copied from their website. I have signed up as a member so I can see what it is all about. It may be of interest to others in our group or to others you may know. I will hyperlink the web address on the website if anyone is interested.

[www.learningaboutstamps.org](http://www.learningaboutstamps.org)

### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues July 2

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed July 3

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Thurs July 11 Zoom  
Wed July 17

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed July 3  
Wed July 17

KW Philatelic Society  
No Mtg until Sept

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri July 5  
Fri July 19

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues July 16

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

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### EXHIBITS

### UPCOMING

### TOPICS

### July

Flowers

### Aug

Beaches

### Sept

Castles

## Message from the President – Walt Berry

### Welcome

A big shout out to David and Ken for stepping in to conduct the member's auction. It is always appreciated when volunteers step up to the plate to make our meetings fun and entertaining. Thank You David and Ken.

Also a big shout out to Marion - her exhibit was chosen as the People's Choice during our annual show. Well done and congratulations Marion.

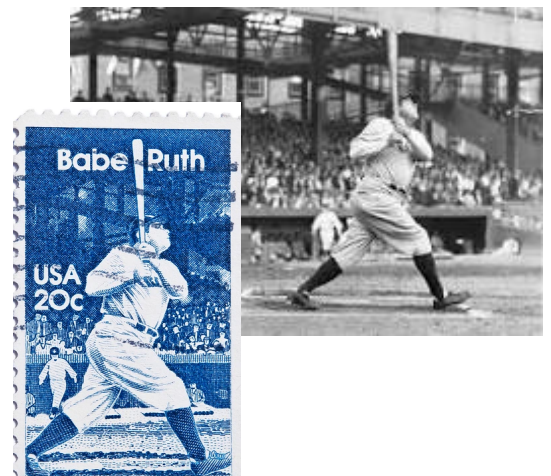
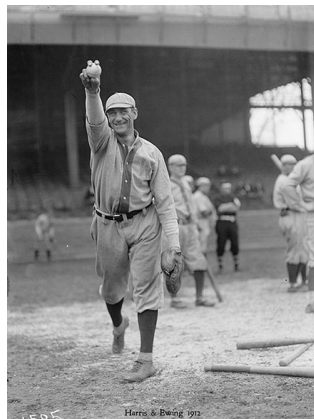
Mentioning our annual show, I am still in discussion with the Town of Minto to have the show back to the Clifford Community Hall next year. Another party has requested the first Saturday in May, therefore we may have to move ahead one week should we wish to rent the hall next year.

As we move into the summer months, the hobby of stamp collecting traditionally is placed on temporary hold as we move to the outdoors to do the various chores around home - or just to relax and enjoy the warmth of the summer months. Whatever the case, enjoy the good life with family and friends.

As we think about stamp collecting, it really is a hobby of learning!! Whether one collects a country, or a topic, we become challenged to learn about the subject chosen to pursue. Your chosen path may be the actual postage stamp used to permit your mail to move from point "A" to point "B" in a mail system, the postage rate or the route taken by the mail piece. In the case of many in our hobby, collecting involves more than just getting a message / bill payment to it's destination.

Many simply enjoy the opportunity to learn more about a particular country or topic by accumulating an organized collection - including the challenge of arranging an exhibit to showcase the knowledge of the subject.

For instance, a stamp may be issued on the topic of baseball. So the challenge begins - what about baseball and where did it originate? One source would indicate the first organized baseball game in North America was played in Beachville ON, (40 kms east of London) just outside of Woodstock On. on 4 June 1838, with a ball of twisted yarn covered in calfskin and a club carved from cedar. In the audience was a battalion of Scottish volunteers on their way to mop up the remnants of the Upper Canada Rebellion. Two teams from Oxford and Zorra townships did battle in Beachville, Ontario in what is now recognized as one of the first documented games in North American history. While there are reports that the New York Knickerbockers played games in 1845, the contest long recognized as the first officially recorded baseball game in U.S. history took place on June 19, 1846, in Hoboken, New Jersey: the "New York Nine" defeated the Knickerbockers, 23–1, in four innings. Some fans may not know it, but the first recorded game of baseball took place in Canada, a year before Abner Doubleday supposedly "invented" the game in Cooperstown, New York.



The most important point to keep in mind while working on your collection remember to "Do It My Way" - referring to the song by Frank Sinatra.

## ***Another Measured Moment***

### **Mahatma Gandhi**

I grew up during World War II, and my family always listened to The News broadcasts. After 1945, there was always some mention of “the war” and its aftermath. The first story that I remember that took over the news with no mention of “the war”, was the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi in January 1948.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born at Porbandra, the capital of Gujarat State of India in 1869. His merchant parents arranged his marriage at the age of 13 to Kasturba; who died in 1943, a marriage of over 60 years.

He studied law in England and opened a practice in South Africa in 1893. He planned to stay only a year, but remained 21 years to become one of the pioneers of civil rights in that country. During the Boer War he organized 1100 volunteers into an ambulance service in support of the British. He often said that he “Loved the English, but hated England”. The irony was typical of this man, who inspired many such as Martin Luther King Jr. to resist Evil with Good and Violence with Peace. He was often imprisoned for resisting apartheid in South Africa by simply not cooperating with government policies; then in 1914 he returned to India.

He once told a Hindu man who was haunted by the fact that he had killed an entire Moslem family; that he must adopt a Moslem child and raise him as a Moslem. On another occasion he said, “I am Hindu, I am Moslem, I am Christian.” He was respected by all and loved by most, and became known as “MAHATMA”, a name that means, “great soul”.

Largely due to Gandhi’s peaceful protests and non-violent demonstrations, the British withdrew from India on 15 August 1947. Despite his efforts, the Moslems and Hindus could not work together and the country split into India and Pakistan.

On 30 January 1948 Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by a Hindu extremist who felt that the Hindus had been betrayed by Gandhi’s call for the equality of all religions. The news of his assassination was the first thing to push World War II off the front page or the lead article in the news.



Gandhi was the most influential spiritual leader of the century, however due to controversy in the Hindu community his ashes were not placed in the Ganges River as was their custom, until 1997, 49 years after his death. That again brought Mahatma Gandhi to headline the news around the world.

We could use more calls for replacing evil with good and violence with peace as Gandhi called for, in our modern world newscasts.



## Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic  
Society of Canada

Chapter 21, Grand River  
Valley Philatelic Association

Website: [https://www.rpsc.org/  
chapters/saugeenstampclub/](https://www.rpsc.org/chapters/saugeenstampclub/)

Club Website:  
[saugeenstampclub.org](http://saugeenstampclub.org)

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same scans used during the auction

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Conditions - please read if you are listing or bidding in the auction

My apologies again for the lateness of this Bulletin. Things haven't  
calmed down as I had hoped this month. This likely will be the June-July  
Issue. I am expecting a call any time for a date for a major surgery so I  
may be too laid up to do a July Issue.- Editor

## Divorce???

An old couple go to a lawyer, the wife wants a divorce.

The lawyer asks if they have "grounds". The wife says "about  
an acre and a half".

The lawyer asks if the wife has a "grudge". She says "We got  
a carport".

The lawyer asks if he "beats her up". She says "I'm up an  
hour earlier than him every morning."

The lawyer asks "Why do you want a divorce?" The wife says  
"We have trouble communicating".

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*[saugeenstampclub.org](http://saugeenstampclub.org)*

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