

# The Bulletin

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**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

## IS IT “BACK OF THE BOOK”?

At our last meeting, March 7, we had our usual one page competition. This time the topic was Back of the Book issues. Well, this led to some interesting comments and questions, one of which was whether or not Christmas seals are legitimate BOB issues – an interesting topic!

So, what constitutes a BOB issue? Obviously, semi-postals, airmails, postal tax issues, and many others, as listed in Scott catalogues, fit the category. But what about seals (whether Christmas-themed or other)? Revenues? Duck stamps? It is interesting to note that Christmas seals are now listed in the Unitrade catalogue, although not in Scotts.

Personally I think that anything that can be related to stamp collecting and philately should qualify in a wide ranging definition of “Back of the Book” – including such items as privately issued souvenir sheets (often issued at philatelic exhibitions); Cinderellas (a whole topic in themselves); even labels that are stamp-shaped, such as are used to advertise trade fairs among other shows (I like to include examples of these on the back page of the Bulletin). Why limit (officially or otherwise) what fits the definition? It all comes back to what an individual wants to collect, while still calling oneself, in our case, a stamp collector (or philatelist)! What do you think?

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB, Tuesday April 4
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB Wednesday April 5
- KW PHILATELIC SOCIETY Thursday April 13
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB Wednesday April 19
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB Tuesday April 18

**One Page Exhibits—**

**upcoming topics:**

April: HOCKEY

May: BIRDS

June: TBA

***THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN .....WALT BERRY***

As this message is being written on the morning of March 11 2017, the snow plough is busy blowing the snow out of my driveway. I am sure this is not a scene that snowbirds want to see upon returning from the sunny south. IF the weather is keeping you inside, it presents a good opportunity to spend time on your stamp collection. There are four things you may consider doing: 1/ update or refresh your collection; 2/ update any stock sheets you have in the circuit books (for our upcoming show); 3/ consider writing a short story about your collecting interest for our club bulletin; and 4 / prepare an exhibit for our May show.

While circuit books are an excellent way to fill open spaces in your collection, one must also support the dealers who attend shows – without them there would be little interest to draw persons out. One should visit the dealer's tables to see what they have to offer – rather than sitting at the table searching out treasures in circuit books. The dealers may even be able to search out a “treasure” you have been seeking.

Attendance at our March meeting was back to normal after the weather attack on the February meeting day – great to see everyone back.

The June meeting will feature an auction of better quality material – so save up a bit of cash to purchase new additions for your collection from friends in the club. A brief (but accurate) description of your item(s) & and a reserve price should be sent or given to bulletin editor Bill in time to get it into the bulletin. Both bidders and sellers should be prepared to price & bid their items accordingly.

Mark your calendar for May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 – prepare to assist other volunteers at our show – the club is very fortunate to have an ample number of volunteers ready and willing to “go that extra mile” – **THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR THE CLUB** It is really appreciated.

Should you have a bit of spare cash left after the annual show, bring it along to our June meeting to fill in a few open spaces in your collection during the sale of better quality items.

I have made the visit to the drive thru post office in Richmond Hill and purchased a number of sets of the vending machine stamp labels – please bring sufficient cash if you indicated an interest in the purchase of a set. These labels are sold only in strips of five in the four demoninations.

**What's coming up...**

*See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:*

**April 1—LONPEX 125 London Philatelic Society show**

**April 22—KW Philatelic Society STAMPFEST 2017**

**April 28,29—SPRINGPEX Hamilton Stamp Club show**

**May 6—Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show**

**May 6,7—ORAPEX 2017 Ottawa**

**May 7—MAYDAY STAMP SHOW Stratford Stamp Club**



**ANOTHER ‘MEASURED’ MOMENT.....Jim Measures**

**Changes at Norfolk Island**

Norfolk Island is located 1600 km NE of Sydney, Australia - a beautiful but lonely South Pacific island. Norfolk Island had an independent postal system and philatelic bureau, until, on June 30 2016, Australia Post took over all postal operations. The island, as an overseas territory of Australia, is now treated as a Territory, and its stamps will have the word “Australia” included on them. However, in their Species at Risk souvenir sheet, while the other stamps had Australia as the country name, the Green Parrot stamp shows Norfolk as the country of issue!



A complete country collection for Norfolk Island can now be created with stamps bearing the name “Norfolk Island” - from June 30 2016 those stamps will read “Norfolk Island Australia”, and they will be valid for postage in Australia, as Australian stamps will be valid on Norfolk Island.



Eighty-eight percent of the 1,796 island residents are already Australian citizens, and 38% are direct descendants of the Pitcairn islanders who settled there in 1856. When Captain Cook discovered the island and reported the the pine trees growing there were ideal for ships masts, Norfolk became important to the British who later assigned administration of Norfolk Island over to Australia. This latest step is just the logical step for this overseas territory of Australia,



*The June meeting will feature an auction of better material with reserves. I will include a listing in the May Bulletin of such material if you send your descriptions (short and with your reserve figure) to me by April 10. That way if the quantity is large, I can continue that list into the June Bulletin.*

# Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada  
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## GRVPA NEWS...

Check out the latest *GRAND NEWS* for information about our fellow clubs, and their meetings and shows.

## THE ANNUNCIATION

This French souvenir sheet (Scott #3153, issued Nov. 2005) depicts the artist Raphael's version of The Annunciation, the Christian celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of Jesus, Son of God. This event supposedly occurred in Mary's 6th month, however the Christian faith celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation in March, a full 9 months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus.



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