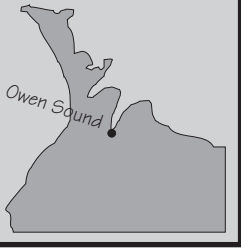


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Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: 20th September

September 2000

As I am moving from the area and will be unable to attend OSSC meetings on a regular basis, I hereby resign as President of the Owen Sound Stamp Club.

I would add that I do intend to remain a member of the club and look forward to attending meetings as circumstances allow.

Bob Pike

As indicated in the above letter, Bob Pike has resigned as president of the Owen Sound Stamp Club.

As a relative newcomer to the OSSC, I am certainly not the best person to be commenting on how the club has changed since Bob became president some five years ago. However, there is little doubt that at least some of his great enthusiasm has been passed on to the OSSC.

When Bob first arrived in the area and became a member of the OSSC, I gather that the membership comprised either those with lots of enthusiasm but little club-running experience, or plenty of experience but not too much enthusiasm. As Bob obviously had both he was soon chosen to be president and the club has benefited greatly as a result.

Perhaps the most obvious of his achievements was the organisation of the club's first show in 1997. This has developed into an annual event that just seems to get better every year.

Just as importantly, he published the first club newsletters and worked hard to encourage new members to attend meetings and get themselves involved in the running of the club. He seldom missed a meeting himself and was always available to provide encouragement and advice on any philatelic matter.

All in all, he will certainly be missed. He and his family are moving to Midland (not so very far away) and I am sure I speak here for everyone in wishing him well in his new surroundings.

Buying and Selling Stamps...

Any opinions on the following discussion that recently took place on the Internet in [rec.collecting.stamps.discuss?](#)

Here's my situation. I ordered a stamp described as "OG NH" from a dealer. It turns out to have significant gum damage which to me is worse than a hinge mark. I have no doubt the dealer (an APS member) will provide a refund, but I am wondering whether I should ask for my postage as well given that the stamp was misdescribed. It is an expensive item and registered mail both ways is over \$10. What do people think?

Peter Aitken

I think you should get postage reimbursed as well. It was very obviously misrepresented, whether intentional or not. For auctions, I expect (and do) refund everything if "not as described", such as "light cancel" actually turns out to be a

cancel that's soaked through the paper. But only Bid amount if "not to my liking/changed my mind". That seems acceptable to most people.

Though how he could describe it as "OG" given the description you give is beyond me. I'm hoping it was a simple human error/oversight/wrong item shipped.

Peter D

Oops. I may have spoken too soon. Put it down to not having coffee this morning (!), but I realised that "OG" is not the same as "undamaged gum". I dunno if one would expect this stamp to have damaged, even if original, gum. It's really hard to think of everything that should be stated and maybe best not to assume anything that isn't.

In the absence of "undamaged OG" I dunno what to suggest. Though I do think it would have saved the dealer

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and you any grief to have scanned the back or stated "OG -- damaged", something like that.

Peter D

It looks like the seller carefully avoided saying "mint" or "MNH," which could have been a clue. But something like "disturbed OG" would have been more straightforward. However, since it does have OG and has not been hinged, it was not technically misdescribed, so I doubt the buyer is going to have a lot of luck getting concessions out of the seller.

Ada M. Prill

I think that you have every right to ask for postage reimbursement. The item was not described accurately, and you purchased in good faith based on the description. You are in no way liable in this situation.

Bob Ingraham

APS member or not, He "sold" you the stamp based solely on the description, ergo reimbursement of ALL costs that you incurred due to his (pick one) oversight or misrepresentation, should be reimbursed!

Neil S. Hawk

The stamp does have original gum and it is never hinged. It seems to me that it was your oversight not to specify how picky you are about gum. If the stamp is old many auction houses have caveats about gum. I could see where some dealers would not take it back. Since the mistake is at least partially your fault, you should eat the postage both ways and be thankful that the dealer accepts the return.

Ken Stewart

Not at all. While not etched in stone anywhere, the convention with most sellers is that flaws will be mentioned in the item's description. Technically, OG NH does not address something like disturbed gum. But disturbed gum is generally accepted to be a defect on a stamp described as OG NH and should be disclosed. Such disclosure can be included in a lot description, or in situations where there is an auction catalog or dealer price list, in the general terms of sale. It should not be expected that a potential buyer must specifically inquire about every possible defect.

The issue of refunding postage is sticky. Some sellers state up front that they won't refund postage if the item is returned, even if due to misdescription. (I don't buy from those sellers.) Makes you wonder whether or not they're expecting returns. But an honest seller shouldn't have any problem with refunding the postage, because the error in the lot description should also have been an honest mistake.

Tom McFarland

At the last meeting:

Although there were no developments to report regarding the Public Awareness Day, John Ballard agreed to work with John Cortan to get the event off the ground.

Bob and Louise Ebel offered to help organise the circuit books.

Next Meeting: 20th September

The next meeting of the Owen Sound Stamp Club will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **20th September**, in St. George's Church, Owen Sound (as usual).

The agenda for the business part of the meeting will include:

- ♦Announcement of Bob Pike's resignation as chairman of the OSSC.
- ♦More about the "Public Awareness Day" idea;

Following discussion of any business, Howie Mason will circulate books from the Stratford Sales Circuit.

Further ahead

Bob Pike has promised to bring the Peninsular Circuit books to the October 18th meeting.

And, of course, don't forget the Auction to be held at the November 15th meeting.

The Owen Sound Stamp Club was saddened to hear of the death of long-time stamp enthusiast and member, Bob Crocker. His presence will be greatly missed by all. Our thoughts are with Bob's family at this time.

From Other Clubs in the Area...

Collingwood Stamp & Coin Club Show

The show put on by the Collingwood Stamp & Coin Club appeared to be well attended when John McTavish and I dropped by last month. Actually, it was more of a bourse than a show as there must have been at least 12 dealers (about half stamps and half coins) but no displays as such.

Sadly, there was a notice at the Club table saying that attendance at meetings was dwindling to the point that the future of the club was in some doubt. Hopefully, the show will rekindle local enthusiasm and the Club will stay in being for many years to come!

Kincardine Stamp Club

KINEX 2000

Stamp Show & Bourse

Sponsored by **Kincardine Stamp Club**

Sat. **October 14, 2000**

9:30 Am - 4:30 Pm

At The Royal Canadian Legion,
219 Lambton St. Kincardine, On.

Door prizes, giveaways for junior collectors, lots of free parking, lunch available.

Call 395-5817 for further information.

Information from John Cortan, President

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

www3.sympatico.ca/rhwatson/stampclub

The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (on the corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to check out the stamps in circuit books from the North Bay Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society and/or the Peninsula Philatelic Circuit. Members also trade stamps and covers between themselves.

There are presently about 40 members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

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The OSSC Newsletter is distributed to members of the Owen Sound Stamp Club on an irregular basis (but hopefully several times a year).

Opinions expressed by contributors to this newsletter are those of the named author and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Owen Sound Stamp Club (nor of the editor).

Contributions are always most welcome. If any reader has news, information, opinions, or announcements that might be of interest to the OSSC membership, please contact the editor.

Saugeen Stamp Club

Bob McLelland from the Stamp Advisory Committee will be speaking at our meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd of October at the Hanover library complex. This should be a very interesting talk on how to get a stamp approved at the national level.

Our club circuit will be available at 7:15 p.m. All welcome, and no admission charge.

Information from Peter Kritz, President of Saugeen Stamp Club.

Royal*2003*Royale

There will be a general meeting of the Royal 2003 host committee at the Hanover Regional Aquatic Centre at 7:30 on Tuesday, 17th of October.

Anyone interested in helping with the show should attend or, if that is not possible, pass their name along to me for future meetings.

We will be touring the facility, reviewing logo artwork, establishing a working committee framework and chit chat.

For further information, please contact Peter Kritz at (519) 364-5200 or pkritz@greynet.net

The Auction

The Owen Sound Stamp Club will be holding their annual auction at the meeting on November 15th. If you are interested in selling some of your surplus philatelic materials at this event, we look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like to offer stamps at the November Auction, the procedure will be as follows:

- ♦ Fill in the form on the back page (or something similar) as completely as possible. We would urge all sellers to take some trouble to catalogue their offerings with care to avoid any possible disputes on auction day.
- ♦ The auction committee will compile these lists into the "Auction List" and assign a Lot number to each lot. As soon as this is done, a confirmation notice will be sent to each vendor which will include the assigned lot numbers.
- ♦ Check this confirmation carefully!
- ♦ The complete "Auction List" of lots on offer will be circulated 7-10 days before the auction. Again, check all your lots!
- ♦ On the day of the Auction, bring your lots to the Club meeting room between 6:30-7:00 pm where they will be put on display to potential buyers.
- ♦ At the end of the auction (around 10:00pm), give the buyers a chance to pay the Recorder for their stamps and then claim your money.

Suggestions to Sellers

We would suggest that:

- ♦ Bearing in mind that stamps are typically bought for 30-60% of Scott's catalogue value, we would suggest that your lots should have a catalogue value of at least \$5.00.
- ♦ Keep reserve bids low or have none at all. It does seem that the first couple of bids are the hardest to get and if the reserve/initial bid is too high there is insufficient room to generate enthusiasm.
- ♦ Of course its a gamble!!

Auction Rules

- ★ The OSSC (as auctioneers) are acting solely as "agents" and take no responsibility for the quality, value, or description of the lots on offer. It is the responsibility of the seller to accurately describe the lots he/she is selling, and the responsibility of the buyer to verify that he/she is satisfied that the description/value is accurate/fair and make offers accordingly. In case of dispute, the OSSC may agree to act as arbiters, but the responsibility for coming to a satisfactory agreement lies between the seller and buyer.

★ The lots for sale will be on display from 7.00pm

★ The Auction will begin at 7:30pm

Terms

- ☑ Settlement follows the last bid of the auction.
- ☑ The bidder pays the price called + 10% (the 10% goes to the OSSC).
- ☑ The seller receives the price called.

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If you should wish to include more lots (or preserve your newsletter) , please make your own table but it would help if you could use a format similar to the above. And don't forget to include your name and phone number/email address on each sheet!