



# Owen Sound Stamp Club Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: October 18<sup>th</sup>

October 2000

## The Auction

If you have any lots to sell at the Auction, please send us the details as soon as possible. It does take a bit of time to organise the individual contributions into an organised list (which will be included in the next Newsletter) so, again, the sooner the better!

## An OSSC Library?

The OSSC recently received a generous donation of a collection of back issues of the "American Philatelist" and "Scott Monthly". Although the original idea was to put these into the upcoming auction, I have been leafing through some of these and many have interesting articles still highly relevant ten years after publication.

It crossed my mind that rather than selling them, we might use them as the basis of an OSSC library. I'm not quite sure how exactly how this might work, but I'll bring them in at the next meeting and we can see if there is any interest in this idea.

*Bob Watson*

## What's New From Canada Post ...

KUNG HAY FAT CHOY, the Chinese way of wishing you a Happy (and wealthy) New Lunar Year. January 24, 2001 is the Chinese New Year and, as in the past, Canada Post will commemorate this event with two new issues.

The year of the Snake will bring us a 47¢ and a \$1.05 souvenir sheet on January 5, 2001.

The NHL All-Star Game, which was an enormous success in this year, will be repeated. A souvenir sheet with 6 stamps at 47¢ is expected early February.

The series Birds of Canada will also see four new stamps. In early March, the Lapland longspur, arctic tern, golden eagle and rock ptarmigan will be featured.

The World Figure Skating Championships will be held in Vancouver, BC. In March, Canada Post will issue a 47¢ stamp to celebrate this event.

On April 23, 1851, Great Britain transferred the postal authority to Canada. The three pence Beaver (Scott #1), was the first Canadian stamp and, as was the case in 1951, the 100th anniversary (Scott # 314), the three pence Beaver will again be reproduced and on April 23, 2001 we will see another reproduction of this famous stamp.

The Summit of the Americas will take place in



Quebec City April 20-22, resulting in another 47¢ stamp.

Jack Shadbolt, the famous BC painter, is the featured artist in the annual "Art" issue. The \$1.05 stamp is expected in July.

In total, Canada Post has announced plans for approximately 20 issues totalling about 50 different stamps, for a total of some \$30.00.

In the next issue of the Newsletter, I will list the remainder of the 2001 releases, look forward to learn more about: The Tourist series (Booklets ?), Royal Military College, La Grande Paix de Montréal, Canadian Roses in Japan, World Championships Amateur Athletics, Montréal's Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, London's Grand Theatre, Hot Air Balloons, YMCA, Armenian Apostolic Church, Royal Canadian Legion, Francophone Games, Christmas lights, and last but not least the Blue Jays.

Hot from the press, and not an afterthought, expect a stamp in honour of former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

(Most of the information above was obtained for Canada Stamp News Vol. 25 no.10).

*Charles van Rompu*

## A Tribute to Bob Pike ...

Bob Pike arrived in the Owen Sound area in 1995 with his wife and family. They were transferred here because of his spouse's employment.

Bob sought out the local stamp club and joined. He discovered that the club was failing and devoted his efforts to resurrecting the fledgling club.

He stood for nomination of the open position of president and was elected. He then proceeded to raise the profile of the club by organizing an annual stamp show for 1996. The first show was held in June of that year. Bob was the show chairman that year. He worried through the whole process right up to the shows finale.

Bob chaired the 1997 show as well and he has served on the show committee for the 1998, 1999 and 2000 annual shows. He supported each show by reserving a show table.

Bob promoted other club functions as well. He introduced a club auction and this event is now being held semi annually. He brought in circuit books from North Bay (Neslien) and from the Grand River.

He also set up his own circuit (Peninsula Philatelic Circuit) and gathered material from club members for the circuit. Bob also joined most area stamp clubs and personally distributed these books to the different clubs in the area.

Bob promoted guest speakers to come and talk to club members on various philatelic topics.

Bob branched out and became a dealer. He went to stamp shows and flea markets selling stamps and coins and always promoting the local clubs.

Over the years that Bob has been a member of our club, his promotions have netted the Owen Sound Stamp Club increase revenue, new members and more knowledge about philately.

Bob's presence at the Owen Sound Stamp Club as well as his position of president will be greatly missed. His leadership and desire for the hobby will be very hard to replace.

*Bob Ford*

## At the last meeting:

Tribute was paid to our now ex-president, Bob Pike. The matter of electing a new president was discussed and it was agreed to hold elections at the November meeting.

John Ballard reported that the Public Awareness Day would have to be delayed until at least January because it was not possible to book space at the Heritage Mall before then. .

On the subject of exhibition frames, John Cortan suggested that, rather than making our own, perhaps we could rent them from the Saugeen Stamp Club (Hanover). They have bought a substantial number of industry standard frames with the upcoming Royal\*2003\*Royale National Show in mind and would probably be prepared to make some arrangement with the OSSC. This will be looked into.

Following business, Howie Mason and Ken Magee introduced the Stratford Sales Circuit books for the perusal of our members..

## Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> October

The next meeting of the Owen Sound Stamp Club will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, in St. George's Church, Owen Sound (as usual).

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

- ♦Election of President, Vice President and, perhaps other officers.
- ♦More about the "Public Awareness Day" idea.

Following discussion of any business, books from the Peninsular Sales Circuit will be made available.

## Further ahead

Don't forget the Auction to be held at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Circuit Books

As was mentioned last month, Bob and Louise Ebel have taken on the organising of the circuit books for the club.

It would probably be to everyone's advantage if members could give Bob and Louise guidelines as to their interests so that they can ask for appropriate books from the various sources.

## The Peninsula Philatelic Circuit

has a new address:

P.O. Box 307  
Midland, ON L4R 4L1  
Phone: (705) 527 1016  
Fax: (705) 527 0198

*Bob Pike*

## From Other Clubs in the Area...

### **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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> St. E. and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

For further information, see us on the Web or contact any of the following Club officers:

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## The OSSC Newsletter

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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 .

## The Barrie District Stamp Club

The Barrie District Stamp Club is hosting their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition & Dealers' Bourse on Saturday, 28th October, from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

The show will be held at the Sunnidale Community Centre on Sunnidale Rd., Barrie and admission is free.

## 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@grey.net](mailto:pkritz@grey.net)

## The Auction

The Owen Sound Stamp Club will be holding their annual auction at the meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

Please submit lot details to Bob Watson at::

[rhwatson@sympatico.ca](mailto:rhwatson@sympatico.ca)  
327 11th St. W., Owen Sound, N4K 3S9

**as soon as possible!**

## 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!