



Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: November 15th

November 2000

As your newly selected (“elected” is, perhaps, putting it a bit strongly) Club President, I would like to take this opportunity to quickly introduce the new OSSC executive committee: **Bob Ford** remains Secretary-Treasurer (thank goodness)! **Charles van Rompu** is the Vice President. **Ken Knight** and **Bob Ebel** complete the formal committee.

Speaking personally, I feel that the most important function of the committee is to take care of the day-to-day chores such as paying bills, bringing in circuit books and, indeed, sending out newsletters. These are bread and butter issues that are essential to keep any club functioning – they take a little time but really shouldn't be too complicated once the routines have been sorted out.

Then come the “events” such as the auction (next Wednesday), the Public Awareness Day (on January 13th) and, of course, the Show (next May). While the official committee certainly actively supports these, there is no way that it can do full justice to these events without the participation of other members.

So, if you can afford some time to help make these events work or, if you have your own ideas on making the club meetings more interesting, please make yourself known!

Having said that, I do believe stamp collecting is for pleasure and relaxation. The whole point of the club is to enhance this so I would never say any member has any kind of “obligation” to help out. After all, if nobody is interested in organising the Show (say), the worst that can happen is that we have no show. That won't stop us trading stamps every third Wednesday of the month — and there's always next year...

Bob Watson (President)

With the Auction so close, some trivia instead of “What's New”.

Did You Know That...

The Canadian stamp (Scott #1278) issued June 29, 1990 was the first stamp sponsored by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Canadian flag.

The very first USA semi-postal was released July 29, 1998. It was considered the most important issue of 1998. 280 million stamps of US 40¢ were printed. By August 1999 it had raised US\$7.8m for Breast Cancer research.

The Netherlands issued the first 5 stamps designed by computer on April 7, 1970. They came out in five different colours. The black and white one is shown here.



Auction News: On September 28-29, 1993, during an auction at Christie's, a mixed franking cover to England with a horizontal strip of five US 1847 5¢ red brown (Scott #1 - B. Franklin) and a Canada 1851 3d “Beaver” sold for \$717,500. Please come to our auction on November 15, 2000.

More exciting auction news: On April 23, 1996, a Canada 12d black on laid paper¹ on an 1852 cover from Montréal to New York sold for US\$ 253,000 at Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries. Another good reason to attend our auction.

1995 set the first record for output of world wide issues of stamps and sheets. It reached over 12,000. Guyana led the race with 497 stamps. The USA ranked 9th with a total of 217 units.

Tristan da Cunha, with a population of about 300 is a group of islands in the mid South Atlantic and is a dependency of St. Helena. Since 1936 it has issued its own stamps. Scott Catalogue Vol.6 lists them all. For more information write to: Postmaster, Tistan da Cunha, South Atlantic. Info. on E-mail or Website not available. This may be a challenge for one of our members with computer(s).

See you at the auction!!!!!!!!!!

“What's New” will continue as we get closer to 2001.

Charles van Rompu

¹ Laid paper is one of the two basic types of paper used in stamp printing. Laid paper is distinguished from wove paper by the presence of thin, parallel lines visible when the paper is held to the light. The lines are usually a few millimetres apart.

The Auction

The following lots have been submitted for sale by auction at the Club meeting on November 15th.

For those who have not been to a previous club auction, the way it works is as follows:

- The lots will all be on display from 7:00–7:30pm
- All potential buyers are asked to register when they arrive and will be given a card with a number.
- The auction will begin at 7:30 pm.
- To bid on an item, hold up your number so that the auctioneer can see it..

- The lot will be sold to whomever makes the highest bid..
- After all lots have been sold, the recorder will give you a sheet showing the lots you have bought and how much you have spent. 10% will be added to the account as a “club commission” to help defray expenses (mainly publicity).
- Pay the cashier (cash much preferred) who will hand over your purchases.

In the (unlikely) event of any dispute or misunderstanding, the auctioneers’ decision is final.

And that’s about it! Hope to see you there.

At the last meeting:

Following the resignation of Bob Pike as president, the first order of business was the selection of a new executive committee. Following some (good-natured) discussion, it was agreed that the committee would comprise:

President: Bob Watson
 Vice-Pres.: Charles van Rompu
 Sec.-Treas.: Bob Ford
 Members-at-large: Bob Ebel and Ken Knight.

Following business, Bob Pike introduced the Peninsula Philatelic Circuit books for the perusal of our members..

Next Meeting: 15th November

The next meeting of the Owen Sound Stamp Club will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **15th November**, in St. George's Church, Owen Sound (as usual).

At this time, it is not anticipated that any business will need to be discussed at the meeting which will be devoted to the Auction.

Upcoming Events

The **Public Awareness Day** will be held at **Heritage Place Mall** in Owen Sound on **Saturday, January 13th, 2001**. Further details will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

From Other Clubs in the Area...

Kincardine Stamp Club

Oct. 14, saw Kinex 2000 held at the legion in Kincardine. This years show saw slightly lower attendance due to shows held in Guelph and Toronto. Dealers reported good sales even with the reduced attendance and requested invitations to the next show, so it seems the number of people in attendance is not a always a sign of how good the show was for the dealers.

I would like to thank all those who helped at the show at the club table and setting up displays. Also thanks to the members of the other local clubs in attendance, without them the show would not have been as good.

Kinex 2000 saw a much larger display of philatelic material than we have had in many years. This year saw over 200 pages of material from five different collector's Thanks to Murray Riordon of Clinton, Neil Elson of Goderich, Ken Magee of Clinton and Gord Treffery of London. The display of Neil Elson showing varieties on and off cover of the one cent centennial issue consisting of 32 pages goes to show that you do not require expensive material to make a display and I hope it will encourage more of our members to display some of their material.

Information from John Cortan, President

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

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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.

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

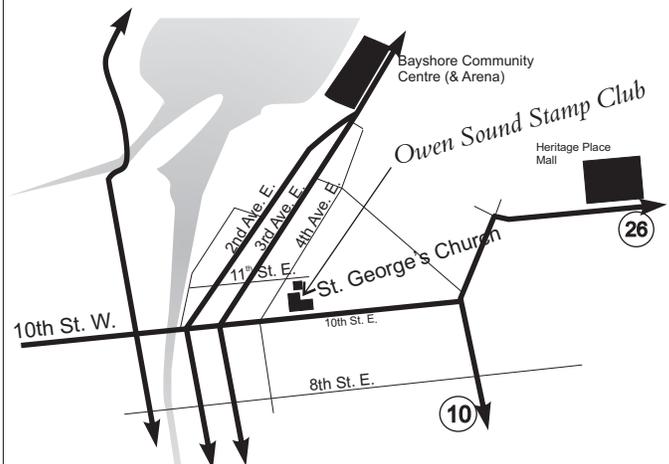
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Contributions are always most welcome. If any reader has news, information, opinions, or announcements that might be of interest to the OSSC membership, please contact the editor.