



Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: September 18th

September 2002

Well, that's been one fine summer we've had this year. As the talk turns to hockey rather than baseball, so the Fall series of stamp shows appear on the Calendar and the thought of rearranging stamps seem so much more attractive than what the TV companies have in mind for us.

Definitely back to four pages next month – and sent out to reach you before the meeting!

Bob Watson (President)

What's New ...

by Charles van Rompu

June 30th 2002 saw the conclusion of a six month period during which Stanley Gibbons Ltd. experienced a couple of remarkable events:

Profits rose from £67,000 to £203,000, even though revenue fell slightly from £4.18m to £4.02m.

Stanley Gibbons (1840-1913) started his business in 1856 in a room of his father's pharmacy with a bag of Cape Triangle stamps he had bought from a sailor who arrived in England from South Africa. He started trading, moved to London in 1874, where he started his catalogue and published the first Gibbons Monthly Journal, a forerunner of today's Gibbons Stamp Monthly. At age 50, in 1890, he retired and sold his business to Charles Phillips.

Besides being a Famous Stamp Personality, he is also listed amongst the Infamous Forgers. He is alleged to have produced unofficial reprints of the 1862 5-centavo "Seal" issue of Argentina and, by modifying the figures of value, forgeries of the 10¢ and 15¢ values as well.

Stanley Gibbons Ltd is now listed as an alternative investment market company, and claims that investors disillusioned with the slumping stock market are turning to different kinds of investment portfolios -- including stamp collections containing Penny Blacks and other valuable stamps (from *The Daily Telegraph*).



During Amphilex 2002, the International Stamp Show and Exhibition in Amsterdam, a new Web-site was introduced. This site is based in the Netherlands (available in English, French, German, Spanish and Dutch) and includes a world catalogue of stamps, by country by year as well as by topic by

year. It is very easy to grasp and certainly worthwhile to explore. To view, go to: www.freestampcatalogue.com. It is a commercial site and they are trying to sell stamps, but they also buy and trade, and the catalogue is free. Since this is a European site, do not expect too many Scott numbers (as yet).



Motorcycle enthusiasts as well as collectors of Czeslaw Slania (the engraver) stamps should look at the new issues from Sweden. On October 5th 2002 they will issue a series of 8 stamps, honouring their Swedish motorcycle heroes. They are printed in blocks of four, and sold in booklets of 8.



If the dealers who are members of our club are jealous on the results Stanley Gibbons is announcing, wait till you hear this:

Amphilex 2002 is an International Stamp Show and Exhibition which was held in Amsterdam from August 30 to September 3rd. There were 1750 frames of exhibits, occupying a total floor capacity of 17,300 m² (c. 175,000 ft²). Trade booths with 3m (c.10ft) frontage cost €1,950 (c. \$3000). They were expecting 75.000 visitors — and got them.

Show committee for next year, ran with it!



Short story to end with this month: Eire (Ireland) released on August 29th a series of 4 se-tenant stamps of paintings from the National Gallery of Ireland. Among the works chosen are: "The Conjuror" by Natalniel Hone, the Elder; "Before the Start" by Jack B.Yeats and two works from resp. Jules Breton and Giovanni Paolo Panini. The strip is available from An-Post for €1.64.

That's all for this month.

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Auction Report:

As there were not many people at the August meeting, the auction was postponed. The lots listed last time will be resubmitted at the September meeting (plus others, no doubt).

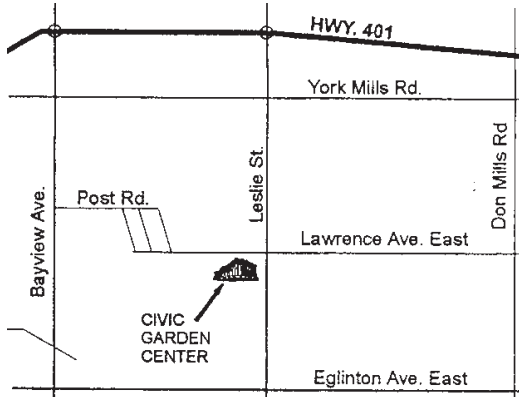
Upcoming Events:

Sept. 21 (Sat.): North Toronto Stamp Club

The North Toronto Stamp Club are holding their Fall Bourse on Saturday, September 21, 9:00–5:00 at the Civic Garden Centre, 777

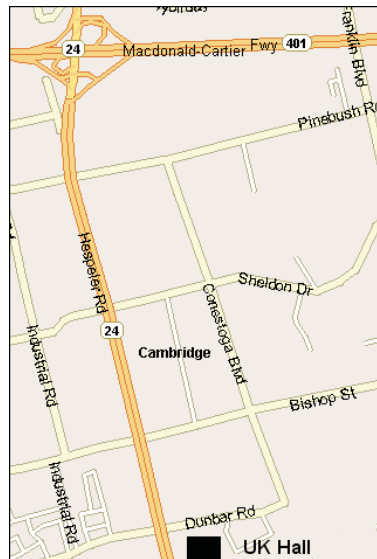
Lawrence Ave. East, at Leslie St., Don Mills.

25 dealers; sales circuit; free parking and admission.



Sept. 22 (Sun): GRVPA (Cambridge)

The Grand River Valley Philatelic Association are holding their Annual Club Fair on Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:00–4:30, at the United Kingdom Club, Dunbar Rd., Cambridge.



Oct. 12: Kincardine Show

The Kincardine Show will take place on Oct 12th at the Legion from 9:30 to 4:00.

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 trade, buy, and sell stamps and philatelic material. An auction is held at 8:00pm.

There are presently about 30 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels from beginner to expert. New members are always most welcome.

Annual Membership fees: Full: \$10; Family: \$15; Junior: Free. In addition, all members and visitors are asked to contribute \$1 each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

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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.

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