

Stamp on Envelope International Polar Year

Your envelope has one of a se-tenant pair of domestic rate stamps issued to further awareness of International Polar Year (IPY) and an intense international scientific initiative. This is the fourth time an International Polar Year has been declared. The whole idea of international scientific cooperation was presented by Austrian naval officer Lieu. Karl Weyprecht in 1875 to a meeting of German natural philosophers and physicians. This led to the first IPY seven years later. For the first time northern indigenous people are being consulted as partners in research. (Maybe there is hope for us!) We are all becoming considerably more aware of how climate change is affecting the Polar Regions and the potential devastating effects this may have on the ecosystems of the entire world. Scary stuff!

As scary as the subject of climate change may be, the images are quite handsome. One stamp portrays a king eider, a very colourful and odd sort of duck. King eiders are considered to be circumpolar and are found in Canada, Alaska and Greenland. The second image is a bright red jellyfish only recently discovered. This little creature is actually portrayed life-sized!

These stamps have been issued as a souvenir sheet on February 12th along with souvenir sheets from seven other countries. The pair is not separated by a border, but does have a maple leaf perforation similar to the China/Canada Big Cat joint issue. All eight souvenir sheets are available as a packet from Canada Post for \$29.99.

They are also issued as a pane of sixteen stamps with a gutter strip format not used in Canada before. The colour bar is depicted as a thermometer and the Tullis Russell paper code is applied as a Celsius figure in the gutter strip. Along with French and English the souvenir sheet and the pane also feature Inuktitut. Befittingly the first day cover has a cancellation from Igloolik, Nunavit.

For further information see "details" from Canada Post.

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (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 often held at 8:00 pm.

There are presently about 20 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

Members and guests also contribute \$1 at each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

The OSSC Newsletter is distributed to all members. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are expressly those of the individual author. Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. Please submit any news, information, opinions or announcements to the editor.

OSSC Library:

Books in the library are available for loan to any member (but please return at the next meeting).

Present holdings include:

Postage Stamp Catalogue – Scott (2000)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps – Unitrade (2000)

Concise Catalogue of Great Britain Stamps – Stanley Gibbons (2004)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps & Supplies – CWS (2005)

Canadian Errors, Freaks & Oddities – Darnel

The Edward VII Issue of Canada by G. C. Marler (Nat. Postal Museum, 1975)

The Admiral Issue of Canada by C.C. Marler

Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century

Numerous journals (still only partly sorted) including:

The Canadian Philatelist (RSPC); Scott's Monthly; Topical Times (Journal of the American Topical Assoc.); and Details (Canada Post)

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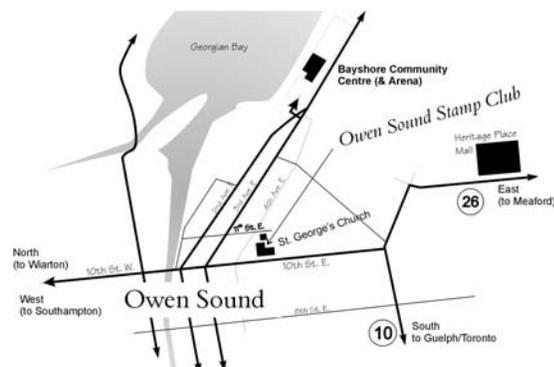
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New year Annual General Meeting and Elections Wed. Feb. 21, 2007

From the President...

Yes indeed it is time for our annual general meeting and elections. It is important that every one is present for this meeting. Bob Ford will be presenting our financial statement.

Any one interested in serving on the executive please contact me as to what position you wish to serve in.

As many of you are aware we have had some trouble with getting out our newsletter and wish to thank Marion Ace for her effort on this month's issue.

Please remember that membership dues are now due and Bob Ford will be collecting them at this meeting and updating membership info.

On a sadder note Perry Cockburn passed away recently and Charles van Rompu passed at Christmas time both will be missed by all of us, I am sure.

A major club auction will be the main activity at this meeting with 37 lots already prepared, and listed in the news letter, please feel free to bring additional material and lots of cash.

Well that is all for now.

President OSSC
Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

Feb. 24, 2007, Burlington, ON

Burleplex 2007, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. Hours: 10 am. To 4 pm. Snack counter, dealer bourse, club circuit books, wheelchair accessible. Sponsor/Affiliate: Burlington Stamp Club. For more info. Contact Norm Macneall @ 905 336-8685 or macneall@cogeco.ca

March 4, 2007, Mississauga, ON

IV Polish-Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2007. John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Hours: 9 am. To 6pm. Refreshments available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak". For more info. contact Janusz (Peter) Machulec @ (647) 400-7857, (416) 724-4410 or info@troyakclub.com. Web site: <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

March 10, 2007 Oakville, ON

Oakplex 2007, St. Paul's Church (east of 4th Line on Rebecca St.) Hours: 10 am. To 5 pm. Free admission and parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oakville Stamp Club. For more info. contact John Roberts, c/o PO Box 69643, Oakville, ON L6J 7R4.

March 17, Toronto, ON

Spring Postage Stamp Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 am. To 4 pm. Free parking and admission. Club sales circuit, refreshments, wheelchair access. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more info contact Herb @ (416) 445-7720 or ntstampclub@yahoo.ca.

From the Editor...

As Alan mentioned, our interim editor Perry Cockburn passed away recently. His friendly presence will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his widow Elizabeth.

I've got some big shoes to fill, but I'll give this a try for a bit. Amongst our motley crew, I am about the least knowledgeable person on the subject of stamps. I tell you this with the great hope that some of you will want to share some of your wisdom on these pages. If there is anything you would like to submit, request, announce or wax poetic about, please let me know. Criticism is welcome too, but if you think that this humble newsletter will be anything like the masterpieces that Bob Watson produced, well... tone down on the meds!

Marion Ace

