



original Pachena Pt.
Lighthouse stamp

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada



revised Pachena Pt.
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Next meeting: Wed. April 16th 2008

From the Editor...

Hello fellow members. Spring seems to finally have sprung! No matter how fast time seems to fly by, the wait for spring seems everlasting. I am having a difficult time keeping myself behind this desk. My mind has flown out the window and is bouncing off of each bird song and worrying over each clump of bulbs thrusting stalks through the soil with leaves unfolding to reveal their precious blooms in hope of life eternal. Whoa! Whoa! Back to the desk. Back to stamps and the task at hand. Okay focus. In the name of spring I hope that all of you will burst forth from your tightly woven little cocoons and show up for our April meeting. Alan informs me that the Royal circuit books will be available.

There have been a number of discussions this year about both where and when to have our annual show and bourse. After checking out the costs at the Legion and other locations it was decided to stay with the Bayshore. The usual room has been booked there for Sunday September 14, 2008. Alan Charlesworth has said that he believes that early September may still attract some of the seasonal residents and that rent and availability are better for us on Sundays than Saturdays.

We will have our 'one page challenge'. Our topic this time is 'domestic animals'. Animals have played an important role in the development of human culture. How have the contributions of animals been portrayed on stamps? As it happens, next week Canada Post is releasing a new stamp honouring the 100th anniversary of the Montreal Association for the Blind depicting a guide dog. We are all aware of the tremendous difference the presence of a guide dog can make to a blind person. So get to work and good luck!

It seems that Bob Ford was able to sweet talk the powers that be at St. George's Church. He has agreed to a small increase in rent for our meeting space that he feels we can afford. Thanks to Bob and St. George's.

Up top you can see the Pachena Point lighthouse stamps. What do you think? Do you prefer one stamp over the other? Do you think this was much ado about nothing or are you irritated that the first stamp was not 'correct'? Perhaps we could take a poll and inform Canada Post.

Don't forget that the Saugeen Stamp Club is having their Annual Show on May the 3rd. See below for details

Marion Ace...the editor

Upcoming Events...

APRIL 25 - 26, Hamilton, ON. SPRINGPEX, Bishop Ryan High School; Quigley Rd. at Albright. On Friday view the G.R.V.P.A. Club circuits; with the biggest club voice and table auctions in Ontario.

Circuits open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Auctions start at 7:30 pm.

On Saturday is the Dealer Bourse from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 20 dealers, Canada Post, Youth Booth, Hamilton Club Sales Circuit, Lunch counter, and a Silent Auction. Sponsor/Affiliate: Hamilton Stamp Club. For more information, contact M.P. Anderson at (905) 632-6057; or e-mail michael@parcelsplusinc.com. Web site: <http://www.hamiltonstampclub.com>.

APRIL 26 - 27, Sudbury, ON. Sudbury Stamp Show, Tom Davies Square Foyer, downtown, 200 Brady St. Hours both days 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and free admission, excellent dealers and exhibits, refreshments and draws for philatelic prizes. Sponsor/Affiliate: Sudbury Stamp Club Chapter 85 and Canada Post. For more information, contact William Biff Pilon, club president at (705) 560-1274, biffandbetty@sympatico.ca.

APRIL 26, 2008, Colborne, ON. Apple Country Stamp Show, Royal Canadian Legion, Br.187, King St E. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission and parking, eight dealers, exhibits, club sales, consignment sales, special draw, door prizes, snacks and sandwiches on the premises. Sponsor/Affiliate: Colborne Stamp Club. For more information, contact Sharron MacDonald, 905-355-2691, email sharronmacdonald292@msn.com.

MAY 3, Hanover, ON. Hanover Saugeen Stamp Club Annual show and exhibition, Hanover Knights of Columbus Hall 1 km west on Main St. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dealers, judged exhibits, collectors supplies, peoples choice awards, door prizes, kids table, lunch booth, free parking and admission. Our 10th Anniversary Show: Hanover is always the place to be. Sponsor/Affiliate: Saugeen Stamp Club. For more information, contact Peter Kritz (519) 364-4752 (h) or (519) 742-5800 x2000 (o) or email pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com.

MAY 3 - 4, Ottawa, ON. ORAPEX 2008, Curling Rink at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa's National Stamp Show, the 47th Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse with over 40 dealers and 150 frames of exhibits. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme of this year's show is the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of Quebec. BNAPS and PHSC meetings, youth booth, awards reception, etc. Free admission and parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: RA Stamp Club. For more information, contact Doug Lingard at (613) 737-4864 or lingardd@istar.ca.

MAY 4, Stratford,, ON. Mayday Stamp Show, Kiwanis Community Center, 111 Lakeshore Dr. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission, show cover: Brooks steam motor car. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Stamp Club. For more information, contact William Gard, gard2842@rogers.com, (519) 272-2842 evenings.

MAY 16 - 18, Quebec City, QC. ROYAL 2008 ROYALE, Hotel Gouverneur, 3030 Boulevard Laurier, Ste-Foy. La Societe Philatelique de Quebec is proud to host the 80th convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Sponsor/Affiliate: RPSC and SPQ. Jacques Poitras chrisjac@megaquebec.net Hugo Deshaye hdphil@videotron.ca J-P Forest jp.forest@videotron.ca. Web site: <http://www.royale2008.org/>.

From Dr. Phil A. Telly...

Stamps got you licked? Feeling stamped out?

Don't worry. Don't let it get you down,
Dr. Phil A. Telly has come to town!

Dear Dr. Phil,



I was rifling through a bunch of American stamps when I came across this pair of 'stamps'. I've never seen anything quite like them. What are these 'stamps' and is there such a thing as Boys Town?

Thanks,
from Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering,

In answer to your query; the 'stamps' pictured were issued for the 40th anniversary of the founding of Boys Town. These were called Boys Town Christmas seals and were used as a major fund raising tool similar to our own Christmas seals. In this case the seals raised finances to help run Boys Town.

Boys Town was founded in 1917 by Father Edward Flanagan who remained dedicated to his boys until his death in 1948. Father Flanagan's creation is still going strong after 90 years and now includes locations in 14 States and the District of Columbia. Boys Town now helps over 47,000 abused, abandoned and neglected kids annually. There is so much more to this wonderful story. If you go on line and type in Boys Town there is lots of info and if you're so inclined they'll even accept a donation.

I hope this seals things up!

Dr. Phil

Dr. Phil A. Telly is our little syndicated column. If you've got questions for Dr. Phil please forward your questions to your editor. Questioners will be kept anonymous unless he or she requests to use their name.

On the Cover.... 2008 IIHF World Championship

From May the 2nd to May 18th Halifax and Quebec City are hosting the men's 2008 IIHF World Championship playoffs. Yes ladies and gentlemen, we are talking hockey! This year is the 100th anniversary of the International Ice Hockey Federation and the first time the prestigious men's championship is being held in Canada. Although the federation credits Nova Scotian James Creighton with organizing the first game of hockey, this group's roots are European to the core. Representatives of France, Great Britain, Switzerland and Belgium signed the founding document in Paris on May 15th 1908 of what was then called the Ligue International de Hockey sur Glace. Bohemia (Czechoslovakia) joined later that year and the first organized games were held in Berlin with Germany joining in 1909. The first European Championship was held at Les Avants Switzerland with four official teams. Canada was represented unofficially by a group of men studying at Oxford, hence the name 'Oxford Canadiens'. European championships continued for some time and have started up again. World championships were held as a part of the Olympics and separately as well. North America participated in the first World Championship which was held as an event at the summer Olympics held in Antwerp Belgium. The 'Winnipeg Falcons' won the gold for Canada! Up until 1963 Canada took the gold in the majority of the IIHF World

Championships and usually got the silver when the gold was out of reach. From 1963 to 1990 the Soviet Union was the overwhelming force to defeat. Over the years (On the Cover cont'd.)



Czechoslovakia and Sweden have won their share of medals too. As of 1992, the Olympic ice hockey tournament and the World Championships are held as separate events in an Olympic year.

Teams from sixteen countries will be duking it out in Halifax and Quebec City. Two and sometimes three games a day will be played at each venue, slowing down to one a day when they get to the semifinal games. The semifinals, the Bronze Medal round and the final game will be played in Quebec City at the Colisee Pepsi as part of the city's 400th Anniversary celebrations.

Although this is the first time this championship is held in Canada, (rather odd don't you think?), out of the ten

championships since 1990, the IIHF Women's World Championships, five have been held in Canada from Halifax to Winnipeg.

On April the 3rd Canada Post honoured this event by releasing a domestic rate stamp sporting the IIHF symbol and depicting an anonymous Team Canada player being pursued across the ice by an opponent. A swoosh of ice crystals and a dynamic composition are used to portray the speed and drama of the game. The designers of the booklet decided to use illustration instead of photography for the stamp itself in order to avoid promoting the individual players and to accentuate the actual sport. The illustrator of the stamp, Ho Che Anderson is also a comic book illustrator. A group of ten stamps are laid out the same way in two different booklet covers representing the two host cities.

The left inside half of the IIHF Quebec City booklet

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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.

Guests or new members are always most welcome.

Annual membership fees: Full-\$10; Family-\$15; Junior- Free

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

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