

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. October 16th 2013 @ 7:00

From the President...



It seems just like yesterday that we were together at the Legion for our annual stamp show, but the calendar says it is time to prepare this greeting and invitation to come to the meeting on October 16th. I will have a short article about the show wrap up further into this newsletter. Hope to see you in the Hillyer Hall at the St Mary's High School to greet each other and share some stories about our quest to fill the holes in our respective collections.

This month we will have the Brantford Stamp club bring their circuit books for our enjoyment and hopefully find lots of stamps to expand our books and albums or binders. We have never had the circuit books from this club but I understand it is a large number of binders to look through. Since Brantford is a rather longer distance, we will be giving some compensation to offset the cost of gas travelling here. That is one of the reasons that we collect a dollar from everyone who comes to the meeting, even if using St Mary's as our meeting place is free.

The meeting in November will feature a visit from Tom Griffith who will bring circuit books from one of several other clubs he has membership in. The December meeting will feature the "President's Auction" which is a sort of hilarious auction where the only valid currency is the President's Money. The success of the auction depends on all members bringing a donation of some philatelic material that is in our vast store of things we haven't sorted through our extra to stamps which are not needed for our respective collections. I am still planning on activities beyond the December meeting and would gladly receive suggestions on what we can do.

At a recent meeting in Hanover, a distant member gave me the dues for 2014, so here is a reminder to one and all to consider doing the same before January 1st. It helps the executive out quite a bit by being proactive for the good of our common club. The payment of dues basically covers the cost of mailing the monthly newsletters to each person.

For those members who have read through the Grand News, a correction is needed. The date of the *Guelp* show is **Oct 19th**, not the one printed in the show listings. A really important date to remember and attend is the 19th Annual GRVPA Club Fair in Cambridge on Saturday, November 16th. Most of the clubs in the GRVPA will be bringing their club circuit books and it gives a venue for all members of the Grand to look at the club circuit books from other clubs which haven't been able to come to our monthly meetings. Mark that date on the calendar now and we can see how many people would like to car pool to attend the event.

Cheers and good health until the 16th.

Phil Visser
President OSSC

Editor's Note: 19th Annual GRVPA Club Fair in Cambridge on Saturday, November 16th

This week I attended the GRVPA Club meeting since Phil Visser was unable to attend. Our club does not have circuit books to show at the GRVPA Fair. As Phil has mentioned another aspect of the Fair is its very good silent auction. Each club is able to contribute a minimum of 25 items for the auction, (maybe more). This auction is for better quality items. The auction is on November 16th. Our November meeting is on the 20th, so members will have to get their auction items in at this meeting or make arrangements with whoever is going to represent the Owen Sound Club. To save time and confusion only one person from each club is submitting all of the club's auction entries. I have included a page with two auction forms for most of our members. Please fill them in. There will be more forms at the meeting. The GRVPA will take a 10% fee from each item that sells. If you have a lot of entries you may want to prioritize them. You can put a reserve bid on the items. Putting a reserve bid of full catalogue value is not likely going to encourage bidding.

Coming Events...

- OCT. 19, Barrie, ON
52nd Annual Dealer's Bourse and Stamp Exhibit, Army, Navy, Air Force Association, Canadian Room, 7 George St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eighteen dealers from across Ontario, framed exhibition, table for junior collectors, club sales circuit books. Free admission and parking, light refreshments available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Barrie District Stamp Club. For more information contact Bruce Walter, CD - Vice President, telephone 705-735-6009. Website: <http://www.barriedistrictstampclub.ca>.

- *OCT. 19, Guelph, ON*
QUELPHPEX2013, Evergreen Seniors Centre, 683 Woolwich St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ten dealers, club circuit books, door prizes, free stamps for the kids, free parking and admission. Sponsor/Affiliate: Guelph Stamp Club. For more information contact George Shepherd, telephone 519-242-8022, email ngshepherd@rlproyalcity.com.
- *OCT. 19, Brighton, ON*
South - Central / Eastern Ontario Stamp, Postcard & Coin Fair, Brighton Community Centre, Hockey Rink Complex, 75 Elizabeth St., Hwy. 2 E. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission and parking, 37th year in business, with more than one million worldwide stamps, postcards, covers, coins and currency notes. Related supplies also available, many at discounted prices. For more information send an email to dejackson8138@gmail.com.
- *NOV. 1 - 2, Hamilton, ON*
Hamilton Fall Show, Bishop Ryan Secondary School, 50 Albright Rd. Hours: Fri., 5 to 7:30 p.m. Auction night with GRVPA club sales circuits in attendance. Fun-filled "voice auction" viewing from 5 to 8 p.m. when the action starts. GRVPA club circuits from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday: dealer bourse accompanied by Canada Post, youth booth, sales circuit. Light lunch available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Hamilton Stamp Club. For more information contact Michael Anderson, email mpanderson@cogeco.ca, or telephone 905-632-6057 (before 9 p.m.). Website: <http://www.hamiltonstampclub.com>.
- *NOV. 2, St. Catharines, ON*
Best Western Stamp Show, Niagara Room, Best Western Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), QEW at Lake Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Specializing in stamps and covers of Canada and the British Commonwealth. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roys' Stamps. For more information contact Roy Houtby, telephone 905-934-8377.
- *NOV. 9, Brighton, ON*
South - Central / Eastern Ontario Stamp, Postcard & Coin Fair , Brighton Community Centre, Hockey Rink Complex, 75 Elizabeth St. / Hwy 2 E. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission and parking, 37th year in business, with more than one million worldwide stamps, postcards, covers, coins and currency notes. Related supplies also available, many at discounted prices. For more information send an email to dejackson8138@gmail.com.

18th Annual Show Recap

The 2013 Stamp Show seems to be a success on many different fronts. To begin with, the number of club members that were able to volunteer their services during the day is always a reminder that this club exists to help each other advance in our hobby. Thank you to the volunteers who donated to the luncheon table as well as Shirley Visser and Judy Appleton who stayed at the table during the day while we chased after those elusive items for our collections.

It was a pleasure to see the members who helped set up the tables for the dealers as well as assisted the dealers in bringing in their stamp stock and helping them to reload their vehicles. A special thank you goes to John Appleton who helped put tabs in the stamp frames so that putting the exhibitions in the frames was much easier and quicker than in previous years. I really appreciated the time spent at the front table by Bob Ford and John Lemon, their time there was significant for the club and helped make the day a financial success for the club. Generally speaking, every member contributed in one form or another on the day and I am proud to be the President when I see the many hands pull together on a very busy day. I am not sure how much time the members had for "stamping" but everyone seemed to be happy from the day. Speaking with the dealers near the end of the day showed that they were also happy with their sales and wanted to come back for the next show. The one disappointment was the last minute cancellation from one of the dealers. That cancellation did not affect the cost of the show since I have asked for and received post dated cheques to cover the rental costs of the hall.

One down side was that the attendance was less than the previous year. I know we lost a few visitors to the CSDA show in Toronto and also did not attract the local closet stamp collectors due to the missing sign from the lawn of the Legion and also no article in the Sun Times. That is something I am not comfortable doing, so if there is a volunteer for next year, please step forward. A big thanks goes to Mike Raynsford for promoting the show on the radio in the morning radio call in "What's the Buzz." Hopefully we will have a rough financial report on the show for the meeting on the 16th.

One last thing to do is check with the CSDA on when they are going to have their show next year. If it is the same weekend, then we may have to move our show date to another weekend. Updates on that issue will come between now and next fall.

Phil Visser

CANADA'S FIRST ART STAMPS, by Bob Graham



Canada's first two stamps for which the major design element is based on a work of art are Scott # 138, the 1917 3¢ brown, and #142, the 1927 2¢ green. Both depict the noted portrait of the Fathers of Confederation, by Robert Harris.

Both stamps commemorate anniversaries of Confederation, the 50th and the 60th. In 1917 Canada was fully committed to winning World War I, and

there was little opportunity to celebrate the nation's fiftieth birthday. Ten years later, amid peace and prosperity, the sixtieth was celebrated in a style unsurpassed until our Centennial in 1967.

Robert Harris (1848-1919) Harris was commissioned to paint the Fathers of Confederation in 1883 and the finished work was installed in the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings the following year. The agreed price for the work was \$4,000. Tragically, the painting was a casualty when the Centre Block burned in February 1916. It showed the delegates in session at the Charlottetown and Quebec Conferences of 1864.



3¢ 1917 - Engraved by Edwin Gunn
Eight Fathers of Confederation were omitted



2¢ 1927 - Engraved by Edwin Gunn
The eight missing delegates have been restored as on the original painting

Thanks Bob!

From the Editor...

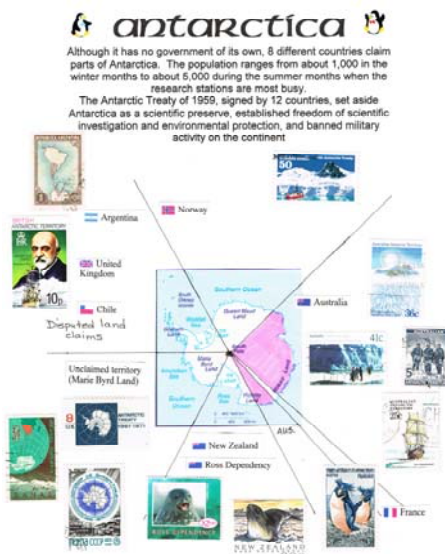
Hi folks. I hope that you had a good time at the show. Everyone was more than generous with donations at the food counter. We had plenty of homemade

sandwiches and treats! Everything I tried was excellent. Thank you to all of our contributors and thank you to Shirley Visser and Judy Appleton for freeing me to do some stamp collecting.

We had a few exhibits on display. I hope that you had a chance to look them over. Dave Pugh kindly mailed sixteen pages from his Bee Stamps exhibit since he could not attend the show. Thanks Dave!

We had 23 single page exhibits, mostly from a handful of exhibitors. Some entries were first time efforts and we'd all like to congratulate those who took that bold first step in exhibiting!!!

The attendees of the show had the opportunity to vote for the single page exhibit that they most preferred. Judy Galbraith's page about Antarctica was the winner! Judy's page showed a map of the Antarctic sectioned off to show which parts of the continent were represented by the various postal administrations that have issued stamps for Antarctica. This is a question that I have wondered about and it looks like others have too. Good job Judy!



John Hunt from Woodstock won the *mystery prize*. The prize was a bottle of whiskey in the shape of a skate. John will be picking up his prize from Phil Visser in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a show cover. It was a great way to acquire the Superman souvenir sheet cancelled.

I have not written an 'on the cover' article this month. Notice that the hockey team stamp on your cover is from the souvenir sheet. See you on Wednesday!

Marion Ace, Editor OSSC

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria of St. Mary's High School, 555 15th St. East. Please park behind the school. The 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 30 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: \$15; Junior- Free

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