

# OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

**Next meeting: Wed. November 19th 2008 @ 7:00**

## **From the President...**

## **Greetings**

Hello fellow stamp collectors and philatelists. Let me take a moment to introduce myself to you, I am Phil Visser, your new president. After a few years of faithful service, Alan Charlesworth stepped down as president because of a move to Windsor. I wish to take this opportunity to thank him for his leadership and guidance while he served as president of our club. The executive remains unchanged, with John Cortan the vice president, Bob Ford as secretary treasurer and our greatly appreciated editor, Marion Ace.

Since our last meeting, the Owen Sound Stamp Club hosted an information table at the Heritage Mall. I would like to thank John Cortan for spear heading this event as well as the other volunteers during the Friday and Saturday. I am aware that Marion, Bill and Barb Shelson and I assisted John there. Not much interest was generated on Friday, but Saturday was a more active day. This table was a way of bringing our club into the public eye.

Since my election at the last meeting, I visited the Hanover and Kincardine stamp clubs to see how their meetings were conducted. The Hanover club had about 35 people present. It was a lively evening and I enjoyed the company of Rick Lokos for traveling back and forth. The Kincardine meeting the next night was a smaller gathering, but it was nice to see a new group of collectors and I learned a few things from each meeting about ways to conduct our own. By the same token, anyone with suggestions for conducting the Owen Sound meetings will be greatly appreciated. It would be nice to see a larger group of enthusiasts at our own meetings.

As the newly elected (voluntold?) president, we will have a few matters to discuss and to make plans for upcoming meetings, especially the meeting in December. I am looking forward to seeing you all there on Wednesday evening.

Cheers and safe travels till then,

Phil Visser

President OSSC

## **From the Editor...**

Hello everybody! I hope that you've had a good month. As already noted; Alan is no longer our illustrious El Presidente. I hope that he'll be around for a few more meetings before he takes off to Windsor.

You may have other criteria but I am very happy with our new president Phil Visser, especially since he has submitted his first presidential message to the newsletter on time. Welcome Phil.

This month's newsletter is packaged in our leftover show covers. I have to admit that I am disappointed with the covers and the number of them that sold at the show. I know that we don't normally sell a lot of covers but surely we can do better than that. I don't know if people found the covers unappealing or if that's just what normally sells anyway. I would like to hear from the members about this matter.

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Like I said, I am also disappointed in the covers themselves. I originally designed the graphics for a #10 envelope. We decided at a meeting to shrink it down to a #8 envelope because most binders or pages for storing covers will not hold a #10 envelope. This is perhaps a serious oversight by the suppliers to collectors. The sleeves available are mostly designed to fit Official First Day Covers. Now that is fine and dandy but wait a minute... Why can't I find any envelopes this size for sale? Even after shrinking down all the graphic elements of the #10 cover to fit on the #8 cover it still looked crowded and somehow uncomfortably miniaturized. I think that we could design a much more appealing cover on envelopes the same size as the official covers. I have looked in Staples and a couple of other spots for them with no luck. If we could find some, a few packages would last us a number of years. And what about the #10s? I save my newsletter covers and some other items that size. Isn't there anything designed for storing/displaying them? If anybody has any answers I'd like to hear about it at the meeting.

Our other Phil, Dr. Phil A. Telly is taking a break but please feel free to put him to work. Just jot down your question and I'll be sure that he gets it. We're giving Ralph Wyndham a break too. In fact I am keeping this whole newsletter small so that it will fit into our dinky little show cover. Last month's newsletter was too large and that's why I didn't use these then, even though Alan Charlesworth heroically dashed all the way to Tara with the envelopes. Sorry about that Alan, thanks anyway.

You can do the dishes on Thursday, see you Wednesday.

Marion Ace

### Coming Events...

#### **NOV. 15, Burlington, ON.**

Burloak Stamp Fair, Burlington Senior's Centre, 2285 New St. (at Seneca). Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Between five and nine dealers, always new stock to explore. Collections bought. For more information, contact M.P. Anderson; (905) 632-6057, e-mail: michael@parcelsplusinc.com.

#### **NOV. 16, Markham, ON**

2008 Postcard and Paper Show, Thornhill Community Centre, South Hall, 7755 Bayview Ave. More than 22 dealer tables of postcards, postal history and some ephemera. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission with the promotion card or a printed copy of this posting, otherwise \$2. Free parking. Easy access via York Region Transit. Sponsor/Affiliate: www.Postcard-Directory.com. Janet Dalton, (705) 835-5917, shows@Postcard-Directory.com. Website: <http://www.Postcard-Directory.com/SHOWS>.

#### **DEC. 6, Toronto, ON**

Postage Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Club sales circuit, free parking and admission, wheelchair access. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more information, contact Herb, (416) 445-7720, fax: (416) 444-1273, e-mail: ntstampclub@yahoo.ca.

#### **DEC. 7, Vancouver, BC**

Vancouver Coin and Stamp Show, Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st and Cambie. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Shore Numismatic Society. For more information, contact L. Balmer, balmorainu@telus.net, phone (604) 299-3673.

#### **DEC. 14, Ottawa, ON**

Stamp and Coin Show, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Seventeen dealers. For more information, contact Brian Wolfenden, (613) 226-2045.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> St. E. and 4<sup>th</sup> 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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