

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 @ 7 PM

Hillyer Hall, St. Mary's High School, 1555 15th Street East, Owen Sound

From the President



Editors Note:

I am happy to share with the members that Larry is now at home connected to an oxygen tank. That means he will not be with us for a few meetings. The greeting and invitation is presented by John Lemon

Hello fellow Stamp Collectors.

Hope you have been enjoying the past couple of weeks with the great warm sunshine and the lack of snow. Nice to see the snow go so we can find another spot to put the next bunch that will come along. Remember, everyday like this is one day closer to spring, and the warming sunshine.

For this meeting I would like to ask each and everyone to write down on a piece of paper and bring it to the next meeting, their best way to be reached in case of a future cancellation of a meeting. It can be your e-mail address, phone number, or text. For a back up, our club's Web Site will have a notice Alert Box pasted on it as well. (Randy has agreed to look after this for us, thanks Randy). This will save on the mix up of not being notified for the nights meeting.

The next meeting will have the circuit books back. Hoping to see each and everyone out at the next meeting on March 21st, at the regular time.

John Lemon
Vice-President
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From the Editor

Phil Visser

You may have noticed that the previous months newsletter mentioned Volume 5. It seems that newsletters have come off this computer since 2014, and so keeping the files organized made it easier to place each edition in a Volume, one for every year that the newsletter was edited by me.

As always, there is room for improvements and it would help if there were some more budding authors in our

membership. The only criteria is a fascination with stamps or philately and some material that can be scanned, either by the author or by myself. Having made the request, I would really appreciate an effort from someone for the month of May newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested.

The format for this newsletter was altered somewhat due to the weather mix up for the February meeting. Therefore there is no Show and Tell section nor a Club News section. However, Randy Rogers has added some news and information about the Club Circuit books. It is nice to see the number of binders expanding and now we need to see if other clubs would like to look at the excess from this clubs supply. Perhaps even a switch with another club for a few months.

We seem to be hitting the prime stamp show season. There are several opportunities to travel, and with the cooperation of the weather, a chance to see what stock other dealers have that may look good in a personal collection. Please note that a very nearby stamp club is having a show on May 5th in Hanover. It would be good to see a really strong turnout to support this club as well. By May the weather should not be a concern, unless the garden poses a distraction. There is also an early heads up for the Royal in June in St. Catharines



Figure 3 A recent Canada Post release in a peel and stick booklet.

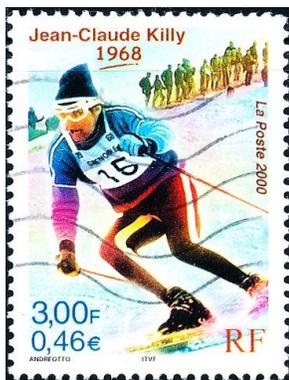
The Winter Olympics and stamps

By Phil Visser

By the time this story is printed, the winter Olympics will have ended, but the winter Para Olympics is about to begin. It is such a big event that sports fills our television screens nearly all day long, between the live events and the rebroadcasted highlights. Because it is such a well known sporting venue, it has also appeared in the world of philately.

Perhaps not so well known is that the modern Winter Olympics was first held in 1924 at Chamonix, France. This first winter Olympics followed the same tradition as the summer Olympics and was held ever four years. These Olympic Games have now been held in twelve different countries on three different continents. The games themselves are made up of five different sports with a total of nine disciplines. The different sports are bobsleigh, curling, ice hockey, Nordic skiing and skating.

Tying in stamp collecting to the Olympics is this first stamp issued by France at the turn of this new century, 2000. It pictures a skier named Jean-Claude Killy and is part of a souvenir sheet which highlights events of the 20th century. This particular stamp is listed as Scott #2769d. Monsieur Killy certainly stands out in my memory. He won three gold medals at the 1968 Olympics held in Grenoble, France. His accomplishments really do leave a memory for me, but the greatest memory of those Olympics was Nancy



Canada 
Nancy Greene

Greene winning gold and a silver medal, also in skiing. She is featured in one of the latest releases from Canada Post of famous women in winter sports. Those memories have made me be proud to be a Canadian and cheer on our athletes as they compete every four years.

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While the Winter Olympics started in 1924, the 1920 Summer Olympics included figure skating and ice hockey. Besides the seasonal differences, there was also a competing winter sports event called the Nordic Games, originating in Sweden, which started in 1901 and held every two years. The Nordic Games delayed the entry of Winter Olympics until the conclusion of the First World War. Having the Winter and Summer Olympics in the same year continued until 1992, then the 1994 Winter Olympics separated the two events. Philatelically speaking, the United States issued a series of stamps in 1976 showing both gymnastics and cross country skiing as a se-tenant pair.



One truly satisfying Olympic moment occurred in 1980, when the US hockey team defeated the Russian team in the quarter finals. The “Miracle on Ice” is put into perspective when it was clear

that the Russian players trained almost year round for hockey, nominally members of the Red Army, breaking one of the fundamental principles that only amateur athletes participate. The American players were taken from the ranks of college hockey players, so beating the Russians was the equivalent of the '72 Canada/Russia Summit



hockey series, the underdog wins!

From the Miracle on Ice team, nine players played in the National Hockey League (NHL), and the two coaches coached and managed NHL hockey teams. This stamp shown here shows the goalie, Jim Craig, promoting hockey as a winter sport. The other three stamps in the set show ski jumping, slalom or grand slalom skiing and speed skating. It was mentioned above that twelve different countries have hosted the Winter Olympics. Of those twelve, the United States has hosted the winter games four times, more than any other country.

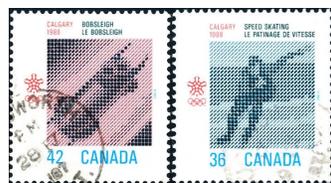


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In preparation for these events, Canada Post issued "Olympic" stamps in 1986, 1987 and 1988, a total of ten stamps. Designing these stamps is really intricate. There are shades of a one colour on a stamp, then white vertical and horizontal lines in the form of a square and each square then has a black shape inside it, either a diagonal dash with various thicknesses, or a square or a polygon. The black usually gives the definition of the athlete/sport being portrayed.

Two stamps were first released for postal usage on October 15, 1986. The sports illustrated on these two stamps are ice hockey and the biathlon. They are listed as Unitrade #1111 and 1112 and were printed in panes of fifty stamps. The postage rate at the time was 34 cents. Although the single stamps are fairly easy to find, getting a se-tenant pair can be a challenge.

Following this first set, on April 3rd, 1987, another two stamps were released. The denominations were different so they are each printed in individual panes of fifty, and so a se-tenant pair is not needed for a collection. Speed skating and bobsleigh as the sports shown on these two stamps. A few months later, on November 13th, 1987, another pair was released. Both of the stamps are the same denomination of 36 cents printed, so a se-tenant pair is the objective for a collection. Unitrade lists the se-tenant pair as #1153a.



In the build up to the actual games, the final set of stamps for the 1988 Winter Olympics was released on February 12th, 1988. The release date was one day before the games actually began. Four stamps were released with the stamps in denominations of 37, 43 and 74 cents. Notice the creep in mailing rates from 1986 to 1988. One final thing about the philatelic commemoration of these games, the series was designed by Pierre-Yves Pelletier. It was only by carefully looking at the stamps that elements of their design appear and can then be appreciated.



Canada again hosted the Winter Olympics in 2010. Like the previous games in Calgary, stamps for the winter Olympics was released over a

multi year process. Marketing of the stamps for the 2010 Olympics did take a different turn. The stamps came to the public with the same design coming in different forms. In 2009 the five different designs first came out as a souvenir sheet, which was also later overprinted in gold "Vancouver/2010." To achieve completeness, two souvenir sheets are needed as well as single copies of each design.



On the same date of January 12th, 2009, the five designs was released as peel and stick booklet



stamps. Another series of stamps came out, this time the design changed from winter Olympic sports to two emblem designs and three

different mascots. These appeared as part of a souvenir sheet, which was also later overprinted "Vancouver/2010" in gold. These stamps were also released as peel and stick booklets and coils. To add to the varieties, these booklets have rounded tips and valleys as well as with saw tooth tips.



In the actual year of the Olympics Canada Post issued two further stamps showing the mountains at Whistler, B.C. and the Vancouver skyline. Again, they are issued as perforated singles in se-tenant pairs and serpentine die cut peel and stick booklets. This does not end the stamps associated with the 2010 Olympics. On February 14th a stamp was issued showing a gold medal in a miniature sheet as well as a die cut self adhesive booklet. The Olympic spirit is continued with two stamps proclaiming the Olympic Spirit. Marketing has come to grips with our hobby.



Other than a few of the stamps issued in 2009, the remainder have not crossed my hands. The challenges of trying to keep going with new releases does not take away from my pride for all those athletes who have represented Canada at the Olympics and are doing so

now at the Para Olympics. They all performed their best and met other athletes who sometimes did better than them and a few times who did not.

Club News

February's meeting turned into a dud! Who knew that the risk of freezing rain would close the school at night? I arrived at about 6:25 and found the doors locked. I rushed home to call the people living in the area of Owen Sound, and caught several before they made the trek to St Mary's. Alas, those traveling a distance were already on the road and so they also found the doors locked. To all those who travel a distance for the meetings, the executive extends an apology.

The "travelers" had an informal meeting at a popular coffee outlet in which many topics arose and so John has shared the first key link is "how do we connect?" By telephone, or text message or email, but whatever the method, everyone needs to share their contact information with the executive. It would probably be helpful if a cancellation time be established so that if another weather interruption occurs, you all can be alerted before heading out onto the road.

The fortunate thing is that the weather and the roads were good! It seems that due to weather reports, buses will be cancelled for snow as well as for freezing rain warnings. It seems that cancellation come from the risk to traveling students and so to avoid liability, the school bus companies cancel the busses.

If a member is not a regular attender fo the meetings, please contact the executive to let them know your contact information and best means of reaching you. If there are any other thoughts or suggestions, they can be brought forward at this upcoming meeting.

Circuit Book Update

In the last newsletter (February '18) Randy Rogers requested donations for 3 ring binders to help store the pages that have been submitted to the circuit books. He requested 1½ or 2" binders white D-Ring binders so that the clubs circuit books would look professional. They certainly do now! Just look at what they look like now. Fully labeled and easy to pick out for anyone loking at a particular area. Naturally, the more pages there are, the more chance of finding what a collector may be looking for.



Here is a look at the newly reorganized Circuit Books. We're good for the moment but will need more binders as the collection grows.

Phil donated 6 x 2" D-ring binders and I also donated 3 x 1.5" D-ring binders. I like the 2" binders. They hold about 140 pages comfortably. Canada 1-3 each have 133 pages so they are pretty well maxed out.

Canada 5 is empty now and can be used for more Canadian pages, or we can get a 2" binder for Canada 4 and redistribute the pages to allow pages to be added to each of the Canada binders. The others seem to be ok as far as growth allowance although we could combine the 2 East Europe into 1 x 2" binder and 2 West Europe into 1 x 2" binder. I still have two empty milk crates for expansion.

There is a new Master Index and I also created a Country Index as some countries appear in more than one binder.

See you in a few weeks
Randy

Upcoming Shows

MAR 17 The Oxford Philatelic Society Stamp Exhibition 2018

Woodstock Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr., Woodstock, ON, N4S 8X8

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring dealers, exhibits, lunch/snack counter, youth gift bags, prize draws, club circuit books, free parking, free admittance.

Phone: 519-539-5055

Email: viking37@rogers.com

Web: <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com>

MAR 18 Postcard Memories Show & Sale

Bingemans (Embassy room), 425 Bingemans Centre Dr., Kitchener, ON, N2B 3X7
Thousands of antique and modern postcards. South Central Ontario largest postcard expo. Pre-1900 to post 2000 philatelic covers as well! Leading dealers. Free parking, door prizes. Admission \$5. children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.
Phone: 519-885-3499
Email: stamphogg@hotmail.com
Web: <http://www.postcardshow.blogspot.com>

MAR 24 Scarborough Stamp Show

Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 East Park Blvd. (Markham-Lawrence), Scarborough, ON, M1H 1C6
Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No admission charge, free parking. Club circuit books, 10 cent books. As many as 4 dealers per show – new dealers welcome
Phone: 416-460-3970
Email: jmerelaid@gmail.com

APR 7 Lonpex 2018

Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road, London, ON, N6E 1W1
The London Philatelic Society will be holding their annual Stamp Bourse from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with 12 dealers. Free admission, free parking. Everyone welcome.
Phone: 519-472-0206
Email: donslau@execulink.com

APR 7 National Postage Stamp and Coin Show

April 7, 2018 to April 8, 2018
Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3
Presented by Canadian Stamp News and Canadian Coin News, the spring edition of the National Postage Stamp & Coin Show will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will feature stamp and coin dealers from across Canada, who are selling, buying and appraising all kinds of philatelic and numismatic materials. Admission is only \$3 on Saturday and FREE on Sunday. Parking is also free. Special room rate available at the hotel. Check out our website for show updates and list of dealers.
Phone: 800-408-0352 Ext. 228
Email: info@trajan.ca
Web: <http://www.stampandcoinshow.com>

APR 14 K-W Stampfest 2018

ST John's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall, 22 Willow St., Waterloo, ON, N2J 1V5
Annual stamp show and bourse – Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society
Phone: 1-800-361-6631
Email: kwpskw@gmail.com
Web: <http://www.kwstampclub.org>

APR 27 Springpex

April 27, 2018 to April 28, 2018
Bishop Ryan Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton, ON, L0R 1P0
Large silent and voice auctions Friday evening with viewing starting at 5 p.m. Saturday is a 20-dealer bourse with stamps, postcards, covers and supplies, plus youth booth and silent auction from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. GRVPA clubs circuit sales books Friday and Saturday. Light food and refreshments available with ample free parking. Sponsored by the Hamilton Stamp Club.
Email: southont@cogeco.ca
Web: <http://www.hamiltonstampclub.com>

MAY 5 Annual Saugeen Stamp Club Show and Exhibition

Hanover Knights of Columbus Hall, 963 Bruce rd. 4, Hanover, ON, N0G 2V0
Hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free parking and admission. 12 dealers, judged exhibits, lunch counter. Free stamps for kids. If you would like to try the exhibit for the first time this is the spot. We use 16 page frames and encourage new exhibitors. Contact us if you wish to exhibit.
Phone: 519-574-6536
Email: pkritz@mortgagealliance.com

JUN 22 Royal*2018*Royale

June 22, 2018 to June 24, 2018
Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines, ON, L2R 5L3
The St. Catharines Stamp Club hosts the 90th Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Fri. & Sat.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nominal admission fee.
Sun.: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – free admission. Free Parking, 30+ dealer tables, exhibits, RPSC meetings, seminars.
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