



Bulletin

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President Sid's Message

I trust the summer of 2017 gave you the opportunity for rest, holidays, and many enjoyable philatelic pursuits.

2017/18 should again be a terrific philatelic year at WTSC.

- Our regular meetings and auctions should continue to be well attended, providing you with many opportunities to dispose of unwanted items or to buy small treasures. Perusing dealer stock and our club circuit books will also help satisfy "the hunt", and that passionate pursuit for those elusive items to add to your collections.
- The monthly Learning Workshop (first Tuesday) and the Discussion Group (third Tuesday) will also give you two further opportunities to enjoy each other's company and to learn and to increase your philatelic knowledge and understanding.

As I look forward to this year, I find myself considering what I might do to further my enjoyment as a stamp collector. Setting two, three or four manageable goals is always helpful.

To increase my accountability and to encourage you to do the same, I want you to know what my goals are. This year I intend to:

- Finally sort out and write up part of what I have accumulated. Who knows, I may well discover some new or forgotten treasure. Doing so will for sure help clean up my study and give me a better understanding of what I have and need to collect.
- Continue to build my personal philatelic library and make increased use of the Harry Sutherland Library at the Greene.
- Select one or two of my many unfinished stamp projects and start this month to assemble the

components for a one page, multi-page or one frame exhibit, so that I will be ready by May to participate in our WTSC Annual Exhibition.

- Join a new study group or philatelic society. Joining the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain may well be a good idea.

Now that I have shared my intentions, what philatelic goals will you set this year? Be sure to share them with a friend; they may well be able to help you achieve them.

I look forward to your attendance, participation, and friendship.

Membership Renewal

Membership dues remain unchanged from last year - \$15.00 if paid by October 31, and \$ 20.00 thereafter. **If you renew now, you save \$5.00.** For each additional family member, add \$5.00. Dues for new members are pro-rated based on the date of joining.

Payment may be made to Patricia Blanchard at club meetings or via cheque payable to West Toronto Stamp Club mailed to her at 84 Gulliver Crescent, Brampton, ON L6S 1S9. If payment is not received by November 30, you will be deemed to have resigned.

Members are reminded to wear their name tags to meetings. If you need a name tag, please see Patricia.

WTSC Board 2016-2018

President: Sid Mensinga
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September Activities

Meetings are held on Tuesday evening unless otherwise specified. Doors open at 6:30, meetings start at 7.

Sept 5 ~ Board Meeting

Sept 12 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

Sept 19 ~ Discussion Group

Guest Speaker: **John Wilson** from the North Toronto Stamp Club will speak on "**Cetawayo and his Neighbours**", subtitled "Posts and Postmarks from the Fringes of South Africa".

Sept 26 ~ Regular Meeting

Exchange of information, Show & Tell and Auction

Discussion Group Schedule (October – June)

October 17 ~ Ian Robertson

The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada (PSSC) 'Sesquicentennial Project'

November 21 ~ Joe Trauzzi

The Royal Train, 1937 – Joe is from the Bramalea Stamp Club and is a member of the PSSC.

January 16 ~ Dr. Jean Wang

The Story of Blood - Jean is from the North Toronto Stamp Club and is a member of the PSSC.

February 20 ~ Various

Exhibiting Workshop – This workshop is intended to provide assistance to those planning to enter an exhibit in the club exhibition in May.

March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19 ~ TBA

October Learning Workshop

The topic of our first Learning Workshop of the 2017-2018 season is "B, for 'Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder'."

People involved in our hobby are attracted to subjects for various reasons, some on subjects that come to mind more quickly than others. Stamps and postal history from one country or several are top topics, as

are definitives of specific time periods and designs, as are postmarks. Topicals, which headlined our March session, are also very popular.

Some collectors, however, seek lesser-known subjects, often just for fun — perhaps after pursuing other better-known subjects. Which brings us to the letter "B". There really are no limits to this type of collecting, but here are a few suggestions:

Babies; Balls from various sports or decorations such as those used at Christmas; Backstamp; Balloons and Balloon Post; Banknotes on Stamps; Barns; Baseball; Basketball; Battles; Beards; Bear; Beatles, as in the 'Fab Four'; Beaver; Beetles, as in insects; Bell; Bicoloured; Bilingual; Birds; Bisected stamps; Black, Blue or Brown (as in stamps printed only with one of those colours or various shades); B-name postmarks; B-names (people, places, countries including any of those that did or still start with British — as in British Columbia, British East Africa, British Honduras, etc.); Blackbeard the Pirate; Boats; Bodacious, a combination of blatant, bold, impressive and audacious, which became a short-lived 1980s slang term after it was used in the 1982 movie *An Officer and A Gentleman*; Bogus (a fantasy subject on what looks like a stamp); Booklet stamps; Books; Botany; Bovine, as in cow or cattle; Boy Scout; stamps printed in Great Britain by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd.; Bridges; Bunny (as in cute little rabbit); Bust; and Butterflies.

You get the idea ... let your imagination roam free. Members with stamps or covers that fit into the "B" category are invited to bring them to our meeting on Tuesday, October 3. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Our round-table sessions offer everyone an opportunity to participate, learn and have fun.

Come early and grab a good seat.

Ian



2-franc Andorra 1983 Hot Air **Balloons**/Manned Flight 200th Anniversary commemorative



Ancient carved **bust** on .50-Lire San Marino 1975 commemorative issued for Europa Stamp Exhibition in Naples, Italy

Club Circuit Books

The new WTSC circuit books will be at our first regular September meeting. We will be bringing all of the submitted pages to the meeting, sorted by country. Many pages for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain have been submitted. Be prepared with your wish lists and small change.

Please bring your own circuit book contributions to any of the upcoming meetings; all countries and issue dates are welcome.

To avoid overloading the books with common items that everyone probably already has, items should be limited to those with a 40 cent catalogue value or higher, and priced at 15 cents or more.

The club receives 10% of the sale proceeds; the club member receives the rest.

Simon and Victoria

Royal2019Royale

The RPSC has received an application from Canadian Stamp News and Trajan Media to host the 2019 Royal on June 28-30, 2019 (the Canada Day weekend) at the Hilton Mississauga. Details will be provided as they become available.

BNAPS Facebook Page

BNAPS created a Facebook page in mid-August. To view it, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/BNPhilatelicSociety/>

June Social Event

President Sid in action at the club's end of June social event.



