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# Bulletin

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## PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

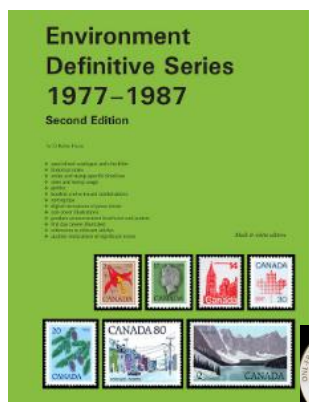
September marks the first month of the 2022/23 WTSC year. We are fortunate that the WTSC has continued to thrive during this past year. Since September 2021, seventeen enthusiastic keen stamp collectors and postal historians have joined the WTSC. Our online Learning Workshop and Discussion Group sessions (posted online at <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>) continue to be well received, providing opportunities for new learning, and sharing knowledge, as well as building new philatelic connections and long-distance friendships. I am also pleased to note that our twice monthly in-person meetings have also resumed. A strong active club not only allows members to get deeper into the hobby, but also enables comradery and a strong caring community. We truly are most fortunate.

Our first meeting of the 2022-23 year will be an in-person meeting to take place Tuesday, September 13 at the Fairfield Centre, 80 Lothian Ave Etobicoke. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Members attending please note the following, as decided at our recent board meeting:

- No proof of vaccine nor sign-in will be required
- Wearing a mask is optional but given our club demographics you might consider doing so.
- The availability of Circuit Books and vest pocket/member dealer tables will alternate from one meeting to the next. For this meeting, only WTSC Circuit books will be available prior to the auction. **Only** member/vest pocket dealer tables will be available at the next in-person on Sept. 27.
- Auction lots: A minimum value of \$10 is encouraged. Members may set a reserve, but no minimum reserve is required.

Members are reminded that September and October are the months to renew your WTSC membership. See our Membership Director, Ted Swain's MEMBERSHIP note on page 2 providing you with the needed information.



This past month WTSC received a complimentary copy of "*Environment Definitive Series 1977-87 second edition*" from Robin Harris/Adminware.

A special thank you to Robin for his generosity and encouragement to study modern issues. If you wish to borrow this book to study this definitive series, please contact me at [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com). I will bring it to our Sept 13 meeting for your perusal.

<https://adminware.ca/book-env2.htm> The *Environment Definitive Series* book was awarded a Gold medal at CAPEX 22, held June 9-12.



Check out <https://adminware.ca/> for other philatelic reference and study materials.

Looking forward to your attendance and participation at our meetings, as well as a greater normalcy as we move into the 2022-23 WTSC philatelic year.

## SEPTEMBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS AND GUESTS



**September 13** - Our first WTSC meeting for the 2022-2023 club year, an in-person meeting at the Fairfield Centre. - ***Auction and Circuit book evening.***

**September 20** - Discussion Group, 7 p.m. via zoom, Guest speaker WTSC member Dr. Gregg Redner who will present "Belgium's 1920 3-centime stamp issue" See Page 3 for details.

**September 27** - An in-person meeting at the Fairfield Centre. - ***Auction and Member/Vest pocket dealer tables evening.***

### WTSC MEMBERSHIP

The 2022/2023 season is upon us, and it is time to think about membership renewals. Annual dues are \$15 (\$20 per family) if paid before the end of October. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, individual member dues are \$20. This \$5 savings can be put to good use at one of our biweekly stamp auctions or Circuit Book evenings!

Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque.

Details are as follows:

E-TRANSFER: The WTSC email for e-transfer is: [president@westtorontostampclub.org](mailto:president@westtorontostampclub.org)

CHEQUES: Make your cheque payable to WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

And send it to:

West Toronto Stamp Club  
c/o Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation  
10 Summerhill Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario M4T 1A8

You can also drop off your payment at the Membership Table at the beginning of our next in-person stamp club meetings.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person again.

- Ted Swain

### WTSC CIRCUIT BOOKS TO OWEN SOUND

WTSC has been invited to bring our WTSC Circuit Books to the **Owen Sound Circuit Show** to be held Saturday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the New Life Centre, 199 4<sup>th</sup> Ave West. Owen Sound.

<http://www.owensoundstampclub.org>

Due to a previous commitment, Simon and Victoria will be unable to go but are pleased that Lawrence and his partner Janice have agreed to go in their place; as they have done in the past. But it would be ideal if at least 2 or 3 others could go up to assist them. **Will you be able to help on the 17th?** Please contact Simon Claughton at [simon@berlet.com](mailto:simon@berlet.com)

Thank you for giving this opportunity your careful consideration. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

### GTAPA NEWS

The new Fall 2022 edition of the PhilaJournal is now available at <http://gtapa.org/philajournal>

## PHILATELIC EXCELLENCE - Congratulations to WTSC members;

### CHARLES VERGE

#### Exhibiting

Charles won a large vermeil for his exhibit, "The Documentary Revenues of Haiti: 1817-1957" at INDONESIA 2022 held in Jakarta 4-9 August <https://indonesia2022.id/>

### GREGG REDNER

#### Publications:

Gregg Redner has published the following articles:

The Canadian Philatelist - (September/October 2022) 'The Dendermonde City Hall Issue'.

The Philatelic Exhibitor - (Third Quarter 2022) 'From Collector to Exhibitor'.

The Journal of Railway Philately - (Third Quarter 2022) - 'Post World War I Belgian Railway Cancels'

#### Exhibiting:

Gregg Redner's exhibit on 'The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics' received an 88 at SAVPEX 2022. South Africa's Seventh Virtual Philatelic Exhibition (SAVPEX), a one-frame exhibition, [The philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics](#)

**GARFIELD PORTCH** on his recent presentation *The History of the Toronto Post Office Part II – The Post Office Expansion in Toronto 1880 to 1901* at the British Empire Study Group (BESG)

<https://bestudygroup.org/2022/08/24/besg-he-history-of-the-toronto-post-office-part-ii-the-post-office-expansion-in-toronto-1880-to-1901-with-garfield-portch/>



## DISCUSSION GROUP

The **Discussion Group meeting Tuesday, September 20** will feature Dr. Gregg Redner who will present "**Belgium's 1920 3-centime stamp issue**", the last stamp of the 1915 King Albert I series and the country's first 3-centime stamp.



This stamp was issued on December 31, 1920 and was designed to frank commercial/ imprimé mail up to 20 grams. The issue has a fascinating history, which includes a discussion of the history of the 1915, King Albert I issue, which is to Belgium what the Small Queens are to Canada.

Be sure to join us for a most informative evening

- Garfield Portch

#### **Postmark Reveal**

For those who want to study their stamps digitally consider using this amazing new tool.

<https://www.postmark-reveal.com/>

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**LEARNING WORKSHOP** Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022 via Zoom, our first virtual Learning Workshop of the 2022-2023 season is titled 'Get to Know Your Dealers'.

Good stamp dealers are a lifeblood of our hobby and we are pleased to have several prominent ones who will offer some insight into how they operate and where they are based.

Whether our guests are newcomers or have been in business for years, even decades, they all have vast stocks of stamps, postal history, plus supplies in which to house collections.



Dealers can provide a wide range of advice on how to pursue various interests plus trends, and can recommend people plus clubs for those seeking help and camaraderie.

Times have certainly changed in recent decades, with many shops closing. In recent years, more and more services have been provided online, via mail and — luckily — since limits due to COVID-19 were eased, the return of some stamp shows.

Several dealers who readily offered to be our guests will provide information about how, where, and why they operate, plus their specialities and strengths.

Introductory talks will last from 10 to 12 minutes, after which members can ask questions, offer suggestions, and share thoughts. So tune in for what promises to be a very interesting and worthwhile evening.

- Ian Robertson

## **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WTSC MEMBERS**

NATIONAL  
POSTAGE STAMP  
& COIN SHOW

**September 9, 2022 to September 11, 2022- Fall 2022 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show**

**Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3**

The two-day coin and stamp bourse opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. on Saturday and to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission on Saturday is \$5 and only \$2 on Sunday. Children under 16 are free.

<https://canadianstampnews.com/event/fall-2022-national-postage-stamp-coin-show/>



**September 17 - North Toronto Stamp Club Fall Bourse, Yorkminster Baptist Church 1585 Yonge Street 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Easy subway access at St. Clair subway station, free admission, 22 dealers.**

<http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/>



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel sessions. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

**Monday September 12** – Ken Lemke “Hamilton’s Commerce and Industry through Illustrated Covers”

**Monday September 19** – “Giving Back”; Panelists: Mike Walsh, Sam Chiu, Gregg Redner



## WTSC MARKET PLACE:

### FREE/FORSALE/WANTED

**FOR SALE:** Three Prophila Collection Stock albums. 30 black pages with cello cover. Brand new. No stamps. Selling on Ebay for \$17.55. All three for \$30.

Three American Commemoratives albums. Stamps and descriptions. 1972-74, 1975 1977.  
90 pages. Original cost \$100. All three for \$40.00

Royal Births Mint collection. Princess Diana and the birth of her children commemorated by stamps for the world. The Original cost \$60. Selling for \$30.00

Australian stamps  
960 stamps off paper and 1996 Deluxe edition of Australian stamps. Asking \$17.00

Email Ernest at [etypeprinter@gmail.com](mailto:etypeprinter@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** Scans (both sides) of covers cancelled at Old Mill Post Office needed for article on history of this post office (open 11/21/1928 – 11/25.1933). It was located in the Old Mill complex at Bloor St W and Humber River. I don't wish to purchase your covers. I need only scans for the article. Email Bob at [timberg@bell.net](mailto:timberg@bell.net)

### REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS

**This is your Marketplace. Ad space is free** Ads can be submitted anytime during the month to [sidmensinga@gmail.com](mailto:sidmensinga@gmail.com)

## An "In-Store" Opportunity for Members Buy - Sell-Trade



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## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM - WTSC BOARD FOR 2022/23—2023/24.

### Officers

President - Sid Mensinga  
Vice President - Ian Robertson  
Past President - Frank Alusio FRPSC  
Treasurer - Lawrence Pinkney  
Membership Director - Ted Swain

### Directors:

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### Appointees:

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Auctions Administrators - Denzil Fernandes/ Jose Restrepo  
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Discussion Group - Garfield Portch FRPSC  
Learning Workshop - Ian Robertson  
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