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Greetings and ...



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2012. We are beginning a brand new year and what a better time to make a resolution like volunteering a few hours of your time to our Club.

Let's work together to make this year the best year ever, in terms of attending regularly, participating in the various activities offered and inviting a prospective member to our Club.

As of 13 December 2011 we have a new Secretary - Rhonda Kavanagh who will fill in the position until the Board elections

The cheerful Christmas Dinner was held on the 9 December with the participation of 14 members and 4 guests.

Another semi-annual Invitational Auction was conducted by Reay Cairns. The result was that the overall numbers were down; however, the average realization was up. Did the new tag scare the vendors? A question to ponder!

We are looking with optimism to the arrival of a brand new year and hopefully better things to come.

Frank

Sales Circuit Books

The evening of Tuesday, 17 January will totally be dedicated to browsing-and-buying from 40 sales circuit books, sent from the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Sales Circuit.

The books are arranged primarily by country including Canada and British North America, USA, Europe and others.

This is an opportunity for members to browse and of course to buy. If this experiment proves to be a success we will have it as an annual event.

Visitors and members are welcome to browse and purchase items from these books.

The Club takes no responsibility for the quality or genuineness of the stamps and materials offered in the books.

Secretarial Duties

Our current Secretary, Stan Shakespeare, has been absent due to a health setback. Our Club continues to wish him a speedy recovery so he'll be able to at least visit us.

In his absence, George MacLean kindly filled in this duty for a few meetings but is unable to continue due to driving in the evening and would reluctantly like to resign. The Club thanks him very much for volunteering in this position.

Knocking at various doors for filling this position, I remembered that our member Rhonda Kavanagh was interested in this position. I asked her if she still interested and she graciously accepted with the proviso that she might miss a meeting or two. So beginning with the Regular Meeting of 13 December 2011, Rhonda has temporarily stepped into this position until the May 2012 elections of the Board of Directors. Thanks very much Rhonda for volunteering.

Elections of Board of Directors

Speaking of volunteers, volunteering does not require a lot of time, nor does it have to be a rigid or fixed schedule.

It is usually a couple hours every two weeks and is very flexible. Most of us are retired members and surely we could afford a

couple of hours of our time in compensation for the enjoyment we all derive from the hobby. So, do think seriously about giving a few hours of your time and stand for any position in May for the 2012-13-14 by-annual term. Give the present Board members a respite; some of them have served our Club for 45 years. Don't you think they deserve a break?



Christmas Dinner

The Annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Canadiana Restaurant in Etobicoke. 14 members and 4 guests (Susan Butler, Lorna Hedger, Margie Hodgson and Gary Westhouse) attended the dinner. The lucky prize winners were:

Silvia Quidzinski (Box of chocolates),
Josh Hodgson (Copy of Canada #294 MNH) and
Gary Westhouse (Bottle of wine).

Each attendee received a 1969 cachet Christmas First Day Cover provided by Peter Butler. Many thanks are conveyed to Fred Froud and Don Hedger for organizing and staging this special social event.

Fall 2011 Invitational Auction

On the evening of 13 December 2011 the Club held its semi-annual Invitational Auction. 31 members were in attendance, a number lower than the average 43, probably due to the proximity of the Holiday Season. The auction conducted by our Reay Cairns attracted 15 buyers, one of two of the attendees spending an average of \$22.00 each.

On a catalogue value of \$2,247.00, the net realization was \$419.00 or 12%.

Comparative Table		
	Dec 2011	Dec 2010
Attendance	31	43
Number of vendors	7	18
Number of Lots	50	74
Catalogue value	\$2,247.00	\$5,579
Lots sold	44	68
Total price realized	\$419.00	\$600
Average lot sold	\$9.50	\$8.80
Commission	\$41.90	\$60.50
Number of buyers	15	17
Average buyer spent	\$22.00	\$35.30

Thank you all for the participation and a special thank you to Denzil Fernandes and Don Hedger for their help.

Membership

Membership Secretary Chris Edwards reports that as at the end of December our paid-up membership is 67. There are still a number of members who have not renewed yet.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY 2011-12		
End of 2010-11		77
Renewals	63	
Reinstated	0	
New members	4	
Total paid-up as at Dec 31		67

We would like to welcome new members

Mark Stelmacovich,
Greg Service and
David Gooderham
Dr. Ross Johnson

Hope you enjoy the activities being offered by our Club and we look forward to your active participation.

Open House

The executive is contemplating having a day, possible on a Saturday, dedicated to an "Open House." Its purpose would to:



- Attract the general public to the hobby
- Provide an estimation on inherited stamp collections/accumulations
- Demonstrate what we do at our Club
- Offer selected activities to our members.

The event will take place sometime in May pending venue availability. Further details will be announced as the project unfolds.

Jan-Feb 2012 Calendar		
All the activities are on Tuesdays		
Jan 03	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Jan 10	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Show-and-tell
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions
Jan 17	7:00 pm	Sales Circuit Books evening
Jan 24	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Demonstration
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions
Feb 07	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Feb 14	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Show-and-tell
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions
Feb 21	7:00 pm	Estate Planning & Insurance
Feb 28	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Demonstration
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions

To ponder

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.

~Author Unknown

