



Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Our final in-person meeting of the 2024/25 philatelic year gave us the opportunity to share a piece of celebratory cake while enjoying each others company. Besides running another successful auction and welcoming visitors, the evening also allowed us to recognize exhibiting accomplishments, and to appreciate another superb sharing session given by Garfield as he shared a number of superb covers, usages and stamp varieties from his 2-cent small queen collection.



This month we also had the opportunity to again recognize the value of volunteerism and its importance to the ongoing success of the club. Congratulations to Ernest Ockenden who was this year's recipient of the RPSC Volunteerism Award and Pin. His tireless work to ensure the success of our twice monthly auctions is greatly valued and appreciated.

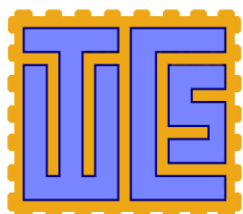
Congratulations were also extended to our 2024/25 WTSC Exhibition winners, who received their engraved Trophies, Certificates and a free WTSC 2025/26 club membership. (See page 2 for presentation images)

Even though we will not meet in-person during the summer our Discussion Group sessions will continue during the summer on the **3rd Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. July 15 and August 19** via zoom. See details on page 2. (Note: online Learning Workshop sessions will not be held this summer.)

Our first meeting for the 2025/26 club year will be an in-person meeting to take place **Tuesday Sept. 9th**.

On behalf of the WTSC leadership team have a safe and restful summer as you take time to catch up on personal projects and to enjoy summer family activities.

JULY/AUGUST - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



JULY 15 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Chris Hargreaves** will present "The Earliest Canadian Airmail Cover."

AUGUST 19 - DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, **Ken Pugh** will present "The Fakes and Forgeries of Raul de Thuin."



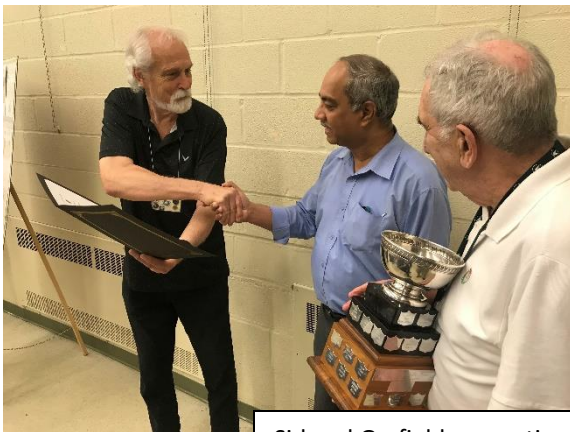
WTSC 2024/25 ANNUAL EXHIBITION – THIS YEAR’S WINNERS RECEIVING THEIR CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES



Mark Stelmacovich - Everett Drake Trophy ~ Single Frame Exhibit Winner for his exhibit – **Ukraine's Trident-Overprinted Russian Revenue Stamps of Podillia, Years 1918 and 1919.**



Sid and Garfield presenting Mark with his certificate and engraved trophy.



Denzil Fernandes - Ted Allen Trophy ~ Multi-Page Exhibit Winner for his exhibit - **Admiral Rate Covers.**



Sid and Garfield presenting Denzil with his certificate and engraved trophy.

Ann Miler- Frank Alusio Trophy ~ Single Page Exhibit Winner for her exhibit - **Princess Elizabeth's Philatelic Debut.**



Garfield Portch and Ian Robertson this year's Exhibition co-chairs receiving Ann's engraved trophy on her behalf. An image of the engraved trophy and certificate will be mailed to Ann, an 'out of province' WTSC member.



WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP SCHEDULE

July 15, 2025

Chris Hargreaves will present "The Earliest Canadian Airmail Cover"

August 19, 2025

Ken Pugh will present "The Fakes and Forgeries of Raul de Thuin"

September 16, 2025

Ann Miller will present "The 1947 southern Africa Royal Tour: stamps, covers, events, and stops along the way".

Five dominions/colonies issued stamps to commemorate the 1947 Royal Tour of southern Africa. The talk will cover the portraits, the stamps, FD, Royal Train, and Royal Visit covers, and city/town covers from respective visit days, following the train's route chronologically. Covers with postmarks commemorating events such as the Opening of Parliament and the Princess's 21st birthday will also be shown. Most of the covers are "philatelic" but they do a nice job of telling the story.

NEW ONLINE PHILATELIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITY - be sure to check out this link



RPSC Philatelic Study Circles

<https://rpsc.org/StudyCircles/>

OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Talks

- July 14 - David Foote - Mutiny on the Bounty



July 17 ZOOM [Social Philately: A Window to the Past by Jean Wang](#)

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Gananoque Stamp Show

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, 55 King St East, Gananoque, ON, K7G 1E8

The Gananoque Stamp Show is back between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Entrance is free. Parking and ground level entrance to the show is off Pine Street at the rear of the Legion Hall. Gananoque is a great destination for a weekend family trip with a show in the middle. There are lots of interesting sights and activities within walking distance of the show including a crafts fair, beach & splash pad, cruises on the St Lawrence River kayaking, crafts and more!

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FENPEX 25

Fenelon Falls Community Centre, 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls, ON, K0M 1N0

The Fenelon Stamp Club presents FENPEX 25, from 9 am – 3 pm, a stamp exhibition and sales bourse. Enjoy free parking, member exhibits, 8 stamps and 8 coins dealers, a club consignment table, silent auction, lunch counter, wheelchair accessible, and hourly door price.

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**GEORGIAN BAY
COIN & STAMP CLUB**

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WASAGA BEACH COIN & STAMP SHOW

Saturday, August 16th, 2025, 9:30am - 3:30pm
YMCA RecPlex: 1724 Moseley Street, Wasaga Beach

Over 70 tables of coins and stamps, circuit books, tokens, bank notes, mint issues, collectibles and supplies, RCNA Youth Booth.
Admission is \$2 per person, free for youth 16 and under (with an adult)
SILENT AUCTION • DRAWS AND PRIZES • FREE PARKING

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LOOKING AHEAD

BNAPEX 2025 Vernon



BNAPS convention, exhibition, and bourse 19-21 September 2025

Friday (10:00-17:00) Saturday (10:00-17:00) Sunday (10:00-15:00)

The convention venue is
Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre
3914 - 32nd Street, VERNON BC V1T 5P1
[Hotel information and reservations](#)

Hosted by the [BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group](#).

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB Postage Stamp Bourse

Sat. Sept. 27, 2025. 10-3

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

Dealers Open

Only at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT BOURSE

Sat. Nov. 15, 2025. 10-3

Info at: NTSCBouseschair@gmail.com

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WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

WANTED

1. Wanted - **Mail addressed to Camlachie**, Ontario and any mail postmarked Camlachie, Ontario from 1864 to 1975. Also happy to learn about any other postal history you may have related to Camlachie. Please contact John at jd33smith@yahoo.com.
2. If you are burdened with an excess of used **Canada Admirals**, I may be able to help. I am always looking for Admirals in quantity to further my research on plate flaws. Contact wgburden@mac.com for details. Thanks.
3. Wanted - Old Scott stamp albums, especially British Colonies contact Lionel Collier 647-236-7734
lionelmc@interlog.com
4. Scott 2023 Catalogue, Vols 2b
If anyone is interested in selling these to me, please feel free to give them my email, robert_pinet@yahoo.ca and/or phone number, 416-878-8529.
5. Looking for used copies of the **Baby Wildlife Series**, 2011-2014. Cat #, s 2427-29, 2507-09, 2603, 2606-10 2692, 2710a, 2712-14 Ben Heintzberger, casinostamp@yahoo.ca 705-726-5464
6. Wanted to buy: Canadian "**Hockey**" stamps (from 1956 to 2024) used in-period and preferably on cover (or entire). Contact G. Morel with availability and asking \$.
Email to gillesmorel53@gmail.com
7. **Cape of Good Hope**: Would like to purchase numbers: 165,166,167,170,176,180 David Macmorine, d.m.macmorine@gmail.com 647-222-3168
8. Wanted - **Airmail covers from the following 1928 Golden Jubilee flights**:
Aug 24 Montréal to Kingston; Aug 29 Kingston to Ottawa, Kingston to Montréal, Ottawa to Montréal, Hamilton to London
Contact: charleslivermore@hotmail.com OR 917 863 9011

FOR SALE

9. For Sale - **Large Queen reference material/books**. Listing available buy one buy them all.
contact 55younger.64@gmail.com I would obviously deliver them to a meeting to prevent shipping costs.
10. **Indian Feudatory States: Buy, Trade or Sell** - David Macmorine, d.m.macmorine@gmail.com 647-222-3168
11. For sale:
As demonstrated at previous meeting at Fairfield Centre, **Innovative Digital Microscope**
12v cable for computer 7" (17.5cm) H.D. LCD screen, 12mp H.D. colour CMOS sensor Stills & Video, w/ Micro SD card
\$100.00 ea. ~ only 2 left / contact ~ don.hedger@gmail.com



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