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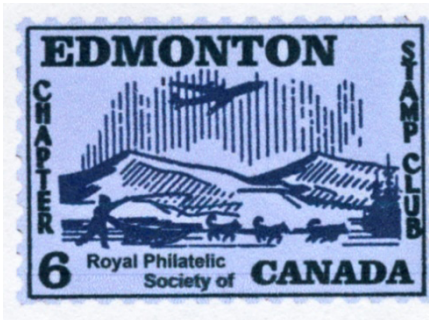
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Regular meetings

St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

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The Edmonton Stamp Club dates back to 1912. The Club is Life Chapter #6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Chapter #680 of the American Philatelic Society. **The editor welcomes communications of all kinds – letters, comments, and articles.**

These may be forwarded to John-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our Christmas supper was a well attended affair (45 members & guests) in spite of a bitterly cold day.

The Edmonton Food Bank was the recipient of 259 lbs of food, giving a total for 2022 of 730 lbs. Thank you, members! Your generosity is beyond belief, but 2023 brings us a bigger challenge.

John-Paul Himka got his first bulletin out in record time. My hat is off to you, sir! To keep the bulletin going, we need articles, notices, reports, and ads.



Another issue has been taken care of. Himka #2, Mykhailo, has agreed to take over the coffee duties. Do I hear a big sigh of relief coming from the direction of our treasurer's house?

Now, you ask – what is with the US love stamps around this message, especially with the situation down in the States? Well, this is the only country that has that many stamps with this subject.

Well, have a lovely Valentine's Day!

-- Barend



FEBRUARY THE MONTH OF LOVE



Editor's Note: Forty-eight love stamps were issued by the United States from 1973 through 2022. There was a gap of nine years between the first love stamp (1973) and the second (1983).

NOTICE

DUES ARE DUE
JUNE 30TH FOR 2022-2023 CLUB YEAR
 Individual \$30, Family \$40

A Peek into Our Spring Show, 25-26 March 2023

So far, we're not sure what topic he'll be talking about, but Kevin O'Reilly will be speaking again. He was our guest speaker at the 2020 show. His topic then was: "A Friendly Invasion – American Forces at Churchill."

At our last club meeting (23 January), our BNAPS liaison, David Piercey, gave a short talk about his book, *Let's Talk Exhibiting*. It's based on a series of columns he has been writing for *The Canadian Philatelist* and provides a lot of guidance about how to exhibit (for example, at our Spring Show). It's on glossy paper with great illustrations and was printed by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. I looked for it on



amazon.ca, but I couldn't find it there. Nor have I seen it on the book racks of the grocery stores I frequent. So how can one obtain a copy of this most useful volume? Come to the Spring Show. David will have copies there to sell, *and* he'll sign the copies.

-- The Editor

InfoBits from Jeff Pacey

A “Dad Joke”:

- What stays in the corner and goes around the world?
- A postage stamp.

[The corn is as high as an elephant’s eye....]

I was prepping envelopes for the *Bulletin* mailout. There is a lot of them to stick stamps on. So boredom or artistic license, take your pick.



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InfoBits from Jeff Pacey

Saw this mailbox is still standing in the Research Transition Facility lobby at the U of A. (The RTF the old nurses' residence across the street on the west of the U of A Hospital.) You can't tell from the photos but someone has crowbarred the pick-up door open. I'm guessing that it's just a dust collector now.



Coming Down the Pipe

President Barend Wissink came up with an excellent idea: to include in each *Bulletin* a preview of an item that will be appearing in the next Estate Auction. So for our meeting on 27 February, there's a two-dollar Jubilee, used and fine, to be offered for bid. The Unitrade 2023 catalogue value is \$300.



ESC 2022 Member's Questionnaire

Ken Bailey

Thanks to all who took the time to complete the questionnaire that was sent to all members late last summer. In total we had 97 members respond, which is an outstanding level of contribution — it goes to show how committed our members are to helping ensure the club functions as we want it to. The board has been compiling and reviewing the responses over the last few months and are committed to acting on the advice, suggestions, and ideas you have provided.

We thought it was appropriate to share some of the results with you. As such, the following is some of the data collected through the survey.

Q1. How long have you collected stamps? (91 responses)

- **0 – 2 years: 1 (1%)**
- **2 – 10 years: 5 (5%)**
- **10 – 20 years: 2 (2%)**
- **20+ years: 83 (91%)**

Q2. How old were you when you started collecting stamps? (84 responses)

- **Under 10 years old: 36 (43%)**
- **10 – 19 years old: 33 (39%)**
- **20 – 29 years old: 5 (6%)**
- **30 – 39 years old: 3 (4%)**
- **40 – 49 years old: 0 (0%)**
- **50 – 59 years old: 5 (6%)**
- **60 – 69 years old: 2 (2%)**

Q3. How would you classify yourself as a stamp collector? (91 responses)

- **Beginner/Novice: 5 (5%)**
- **Intermediate: 52 (57%)**
- **Advanced: 34 (37%)**

Q4. How long have you been a member of the ESC? (89 responses)

- **0 – 2 years: 8 (9%)**
- **2 – 5 years: 6 (7%)**
- **5 – 10 years: 11 (12%)**
- **10+ years: 67 (75%)**

Q5. How often do you attend ESC Meetings?

- **Nearly every meeting – 28% of respondents**
- **More than half of the meetings – 10%**
- **One-quarter to one-half of the meetings – 13%**
- **Once or twice per year – 13%**
- **Seldom or never – 36%**

Q7. Rank your enjoyment of the following components of ESC meetings from 1 to 5, with 1 being the activity you enjoy most.

Club Auction

- **44% of respondents rated the auction as their favorite activity.**
- **19% rated in second.**
- **16% rated it third.**
- **16% rated it fourth.**
- **4% rated in as their least favorite activity.**

Consignment (Estate) Auction

- **23% of respondents rated the consignment (estate) auction as their favorite activity.**
- **23% rated it second.**
- **21% rated it third.**
- **15% rated it fourth.**
- **19% rated it as their least favorite activity.**

Silent Auction

- **7% of respondents rated the silent auction as their favorite activity.**
- **16% rated it second.**
- **28% rated it third.**
- **22% rated it fourth.**
- **28% rated it as their least favorite activity.**

Member Presentations

- **37% of respondents rated member presentations as their favorite activity.**
- **28% rated it second.**
- **11% rated it third.**
- **18% rated it fourth.**
- **6% rated it as their least favorite activity.**

Socializing

- **36% of respondents rated socializing as their favorite activity.**
- **20% rated it second.**
- **24% rated it third.**
- **9% rated it fourth.**
- **12% rated it as their least favorite activity.**

Egypt Occupation Stamps

Richard Barnes

I consider myself to be knowledgeable about the history of World War II. I also have been collecting the stamps of Egypt for thirty years. In the December 2022 issue of *The Quarterly Circular of the Egypt Study Circle* is an article "Siwa's Italian Occupation Stamps" by Michael Ryan. It provided information that is new to me, and I think will be new to many members.

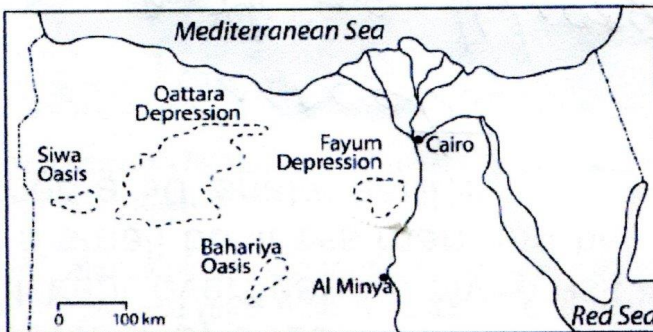
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It seems that the majority of Edmonton area Canada Post stamp account holders received the Canada Post postcard bearing a Blue Jay. Is there any member that has this postcard with the Cardinal on it who will trade or sell me a Cardinal version of this postcard?

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On 13 September 1940 the Italian 10th Army advanced out of Libya and invaded Egypt, initiating the North Africa Campaigns of WWII. During the back-and-forth movements of the armies the Italians garrisoned the Siwa Oasis three times. It is a small town of Senussi order Arabs.



1942 was the last time the Italians were in the Siwa Oasis. At this time the Italians set up an ineffectual short-lived Egyptian government-in-exile. The Italians also inaugurated a “postal system.”

This was certainly only another propaganda gesture. They did not use Italian stamps. To my surprise, the Italians must have found a quantity of Egyptian stamps, Scott #s 206-215.

The only known examples of these stamps are hand (?) overprinted OASI DI SIWA / OCCUPAZIONE / MILITARE / ITALIANA. To me, these overprinted stamps do not appear to be for use by an Egyptian government-in-exile but as an Italian occupation stamp.

This unique set is purported to have been picked up by an Italian lieutenant stationed at Siwa Oasis in 1942. This officer was an avid stamp collector who returned home after the war with this stamp set.

There are no used stamps from this stamp set. This set was examined by the well known Egyptian philatelist Ahmed Mazloum, who concluded that “the official character of these stamps is lacking”. Several years ago, this set sold for €2800. In Zurich, December 2021 this set went unsold with an opening estimate of €6500- €7500.



All low-value stamps of the Boy King issue were overprinted



Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the southeast corner of the school. For information about the club, call 780-467-4825 or 780-437-1787.

2023
February 6 & 27
March 6 & 20
April 3 & 17
May 1, 15 & 29
June 12 (elections)

Meetings could be cancelled at any time. (Covid-19)

Edmonton BNAPS

(British North America Philatelic Society) will meet on the last Sunday of the month. All BNAPSers welcome.

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