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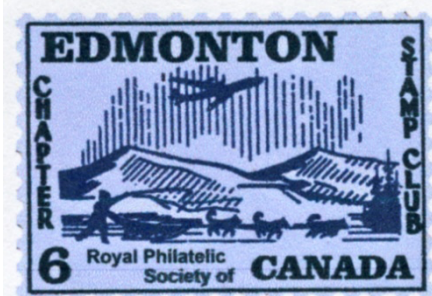


This is the entrance to Paul Kane High School in St. Albert. Why is it advertising First Day Covers? Find out inside this exciting new issue of the *Edmonton Stamp Club Bulletin*.

**Regular meetings**

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

**Check Page 20 for meeting dates**



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.**

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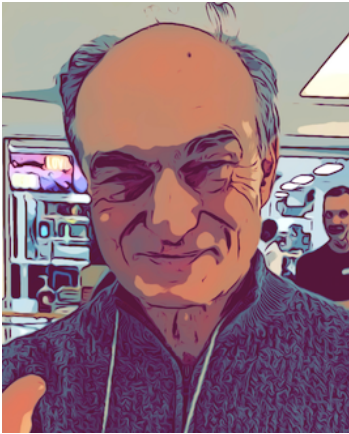
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## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello all!

Congratulations Edmonton Stamp Club for putting on a great stamp show! We had a lot of volunteers to make this happen. Thanks so much to you all for all your great work! There was good attendance, which we need for a successful show. We are blessed to have such good people that work at the Lions Centre as well. These people deserve our

thanks for their willingness to be available and help where they can. And accommodating last minute changes to the room rentals.

We had councilor Andrew Knack open our show with a ribbon-cutting ceremony as well. Doug Hunter was also on hand to represent the Food Bank, which we have partnered with for all of our public events. Watch for this also on our 20 July summer auction. Thanks to Dave Pattison for arranging this for us, and also for getting a reporter from CTV who came Sunday and took a mini-tour of our show. David also did an interview with Lucy Roy of *Morinville News*.

<https://morinvillemews.com/2024/03/25/edmonton-stamp-show-2024-celebrating-150-years-of-upu/>

There were very interesting seminars as well, three altogether, and an update on the Postal History Society of Canada. For details about them, refer to the show program - thanks to John-Paul for getting a fine product together in a short span of time! Thanks to Steven Friedenthal for getting us these speakers as well as getting substantially more frames over the required number of frames (100) that qualify our show as a national-level show. The exhibitors came from as far away as New York City. It was the person from New York who won the Grand Award. We wish him the best of luck as he may now compete in the annual American Philatelic Society's stamp shows: "World Series of Philately." This is a competition between all the Grand Award winners of all the other stamp shows in the United States and Canada. Our show is part of

that as well! We are also grateful for the judges who came from far away to perform their very important work.

Our theme was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). We still have some show covers left commemorating this. Barend Wissink, our president, put together a two-frame exhibit (noncompetitive display) comprising postal reply cards. The countries specifically stated on their postal cards their cooperation with the UPU, an agreement between countries to carry each other's mail from other countries across each other's borders. Thanks, Barend! We hope and pray for your continual recovery from esophagus cancer.

There was the usual line of people for the free stamp evaluations. Lots of people are curious about the stamps they have, and this has become a popular feature of the show. It brings people to the show that may otherwise not have come. It would be great if they would carry on as collectors and embrace our great hobby and join our club.

Hopefully you all had a few minutes and a few dollars for buying and viewing stamps and to have a great lunch/dinner at the cafeteria! We are blessed to have this as well!

See you at our next meetings: 22 April, 6 and 27 May, 3 and 17 June, and at our summer auction on 20 July.

Best Regards,

Ed Dykstra,  
Vice Pres filling in for  
Barend Wissink our President



Jeff Pacey's cat Rufus decided that Jeff shouldn't be working on the *Bulletin* mailout, but should be petting him instead.



## Pairing Perforations, Part 1: Jean-Paul Riopelle

Tony Doughty

Since Ashton Potter introduced the use of "bi-gauge" perforations on the vertical sides of the Masterpieces of Canadian Art #1 - *The Young Reader* stamp (Unitrade 1203, p. 266) on 20 January 1988, many other stamps have been produced with bi-gauge perforations on either the vertical or horizontal edges.

Here is a quick and simple way of determining the possible uses of bi-gauge perforations on any stamp. As shown in Figure 1, take two identical stamps and rotate one 180 degrees, then pair the rotated stamp's perforations against the upright stamp's perforations.



Figure 1

Look carefully at the paired perforations between stamp A and stamp B1 in Figure 1. The perforations match perfectly, implying that the perforations are uniformly spaced and equally sized along the entire horizontal edge.

Now look carefully at the paired perforations between stamp A and B2 in Figure 1. Obviously, the paired perforations do not match along the entire vertical side.

This implies that the perforations along the vertical side are multi-gauged. By sliding stamp B2 vertically, an exact match of the paired perforations can be made at the halfway point, as shown in Figure 2, indicating the edge is bi-gauge perforated.



Figure 2

By scanning a centimeter ruler simultaneously with the image of the stamp the actual perforation gauges can be accurately counted against this scale and measured as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3

By my research this Jean-Paul Riopelle suite of six stamps are all bi-gauge perforated as:

12.7 X (13.0 [upper half] and 13.3 [lower half])

not 12.5 X 13.3 as reported in the Unitrade catalogue (page 392).

What do you think?

The accuracy of any research is dependent on its reproducibility. Can somebody please either duplicate my research, or measure the perforations by some other means, and either confirm or reject my hypothesis that these stamps are in fact bi-gauge perforated vertically. Our long-suffering editor and I would both welcome your informed report.

**DUES ARE DUE**  
**JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR 2024-2025 CLUB YEAR**  
Individual \$30, Family \$40

**Edmonton Stamp Club**  
**2024 Edmonton Spring National Show**  
**Palmares**

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Award Level</b>
Omar Rodriquez	Mexico First Issue of 1856 by District: The 293 Stamp Challenge	96	Large Gold
Sam Chiu	Hankow, China, 1891-1919	93	Large Gold
Joel Weiner	The Handstruck Postal Markings of Oxford, UK 1705-1952	92	Large Gold
Jean-Jacques Tillard	St. Pierre et Miquelon, Les Cachets "PP" de 1926	92	Large Gold

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Award Level</b>
Robert Elias	Canadian Postal Rates and Fees: Early Elizabethan II Era (1952-1966)	91	Large Gold
Sam Chiu	Chefoo Local Post, China 1893-96	91	Large Gold
John McEntyre	1876 First Canadian Weights and Measures Revenue Issues	91	Large Gold
Joel Weiner	Cancellations Used by the Allied Forces in Palestine during World War I, 1917-1920	89	Gold
Sam Chiu	Chefoo/Yantai, China, Picture Postcards 1890-1911	89	Gold
Ken Smelson	The UK Post Office - Dealing with Missing Letter Inquiries etc.	89	Gold
Ken Smelson	UK Response to 1 April 1887 Rule - Bilingual Reasons for Return Handstamps	89	Gold
Mark Boyce	Rowland Hill's Embarrassment: Mulready Postal Stationary	88	Gold
Robert Stock	Mail to/from World War II Internment Camps in Southern Rhodesia	88	Gold
Mark Stelmacovich	Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps and Usage, 1992-1996	87	Gold
James Taylor	Earth Science	85	Gold

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Award Level</b>
Mark Boyce	Hunting in Alberta, 1964-1997	85	Gold
Donna Trathen	Canada's First RCMP Stamp (1935)	84	Large Vermeil
Walter Herdzik	Imperial Airways First Flight, London to Cape Town/First Regular Scheduled Flight 20 January – 2 February 1932	84	Large Vermeil
Steven Friedenthal	Canada Postage Meters at War: Canada World War II Patriotic Postage Meter Slogans	83	Large Vermeil
Steven Friedenthal	Czechoslovakia "Krag" Machine Advertising Cancels: The First Republic Period	83	Large Vermeil
Donald Wilson	Mail from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan 1897-1955	83	Large Vermeil
Philip Visser	Owen Sound Fancy Cancels	82	Large Vermeil
Jane Sodero	First Day Covers and Usage of Canada's 1955 Kayak Hunter	81	Large Vermeil
Raymond Villeneuve	Usages of Canada's First Special Delivery Stamp: 1899-1919	80	Large Vermeil
Sandy Freeman	Enmity and Gratitude in World War II	79	Vermeil
James Taylor	Royal Visit of George VI and Queen Elizabeth to France 1938	78	Vermeil

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Award Level</b>
James Taylor	US 1928-1960 Mail for St Pierre & Miquelon	78	Vermeil
David Russum	200 Years of Mail from Britain to Canada - Rates and Efficiency of Service	78	Vermeil
David Bartlet	His and Hers	77	Vermeil
James Taylor	France 1934: Anti-Tuberculosis "Stamp" Campaign	75	Vermeil
James Taylor	Antarctica: Conflicting Claims	75	Vermeil
Bruce Pollock	The Cowichan Voters List of 1898	74	Large Silver
Donald Hedger	A Soldier's Postcards - Mailed from The Somme & Flanders WWI - May 1915 - April 1916	68	Silver
Mohan Patel	Postal Stamps and Postal History of British East Africa 1890-1935	61	Silver Bronze

### Special Awards

<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
<b><i>Edmonton Stamp Club</i></b>		
Grand Award	Omar Rodriquez	Mexico First Issue of 1856 by District: The 293 Stamp Challenge
Reserve Grand	Sam Chiu	Hankow, China, 1891-1919
Single Frame Grand	Jean-Jacques Tillard	St. Pierre et Miquelon, Les Cachets "PP" de 1926



Award	Recipient	Exhibit
<b><i>Royal Philatelic Society of Canada</i></b>		
Excellence of Treatment	John McEntyre	1876 First Canadian Weights and Measures Revenue Issues
Excellence of Material	Omar Rodriquez	Mexico First Issue of 1856 by District: The 293 Stamp Challenge
Excellence of Presentation	James Taylor	Earth Science
Excellence Synopsis/title page	Joel Weiner	Cancellations Used by the Allied Forces in Palestine during World War I, 1917-1920
<b><i>American Philatelic Society</i></b>		
Award of Excellence – Pre-1900	Sam Chiu	Chefoo Local Post, China 1893-96
Award of Excellence – 1900-1940	Joel Weiner	Cancellations Used by the Allied Forces in Palestine during World War I, 1917-1920
Award of Excellence – Post-1940	Robert Elias	Canadian Postal Rates and Fees: Early Elizabethan II Era (1952-1966)
Award of Excellence – Post-1980	Mark Stelmacovich	Ukrainian Provisional Postage Stamps and Usage, 1992-1996
Award for Research	Joel Weiner	The Handstruck Postal Markings of Oxford, UK 1705-1952
<b><i>Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada</i></b>		
Specialization Award	Philip Visser	Owen Sound Fancy Cancels

To Be Continued in the Next Issue

**Canadian Stamp Puzzles - Gambit**  
 By Tony Doughty

## ***Gambit - Puzzle***

Ignore the denomination of the stamps and assign an identical value between 3 and 8 to each of the identical stamps shown in the grid below, so that your assigned values of the stamps in each row, column and diagonal totals those values indicated in the adjacent cells.

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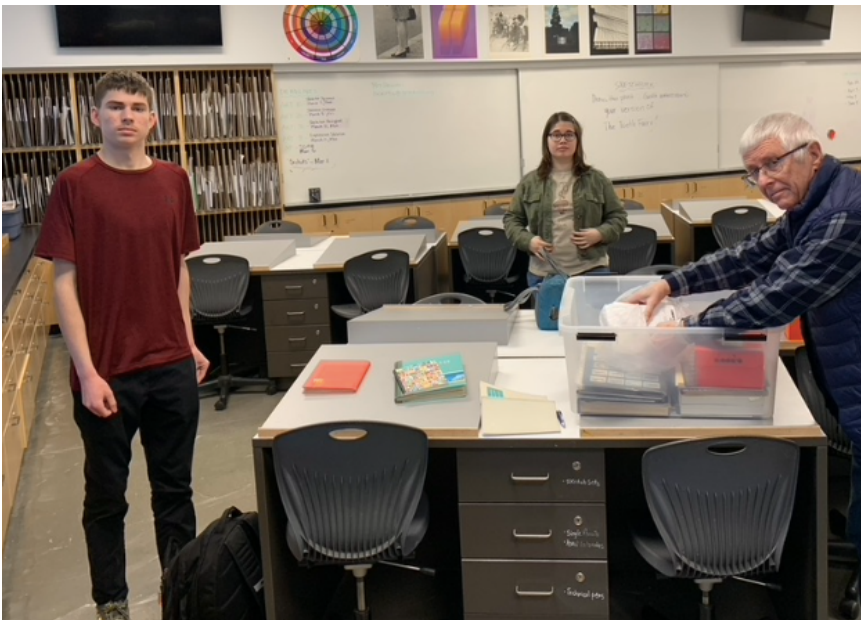


Jeff Pacey piled the junior material inside his front door after the spring show. Rufus approved of the new perch.

## A St. Albert Stamp Club: Paul Kane High School

John-Paul Himka  
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On Wednesday, 6 March, I spent a very pleasant morning with the stamp club at Paul Kane High School. The club has nine members signed up, two of whom regularly attend. When I visited, two students participated, Ryan Korpi and Elsa Bodnar. Ryan collects worldwide stamps. He also collects coins, and says that he learns a lot from both hobbies. Elsa is particularly interested in thematic collection, and she is being encouraged to get into exhibiting. Both of these young people were personable and obviously intelligent.



From left to right: Ryan Korpi, Elsa Bodnar, and Bob Hewitt

The high-school club was founded in October 2023, and the initiator was our own Edmonton Stamp Club treasurer, Bob Hewitt. It turns out that Bob is transportation director at the school, and his wife teaches there as well. So Bob is deeply rooted in the environ-

ment, giving him a good knowledge of the students and their ways.

The four of us had a lively discussion. We talked about how borders have shifted and the names of countries have changed, and how these changes are reflected in stamps. Bob explained a bit about postal history collecting. Another topic concerned what to do on the next day, Thursday, 7 March. On that day, 9<sup>th</sup>-grade students would be visiting Paul Kane High School, since they were moving into high school and exploring potential schools. At this open-house event, the various student clubs would have tables explaining their activities. So Ryan and Elsa made suggestions about what to feature at the table.

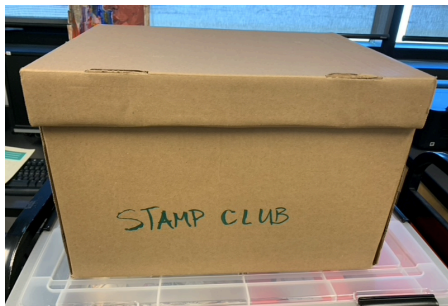


The table is set to advertise the stamp club to the grade-9 visitors

The club at Paul Kane has benefitted from our club. Past President Jim Lockau, for instance, donated a big box full of philatelic material, and Bob has donated a great deal, including a big box of off-paper stamps. Also when Bob sees a good deal going at the ESC

auctions, and if it's something the students might want, he purchases the items and allows the students to buy them at cost.

The Paul Kane club meets weekly at lunchtime. Club meetings are announced on the school TV.



### Into Disney Stamps?

If so, here's a puzzle waiting for you at the bookstore at Kingsway mall:




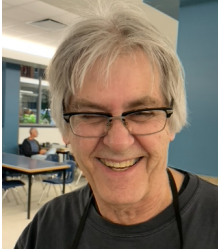
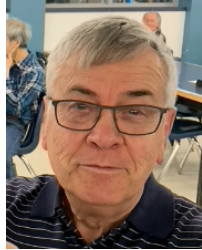

-- Jeff Pacey

Canadian Stamp Puzzles - Gambit - Solution  
By Tony Doughy

= 8	= 4	= 7	= 3
<b>Gambit - Solution</b>			



### Recent Winners

			
Bud Cutler won the door prize, 4 March	Peter Kuester won \$27.50 in the 50/50, 4 March	George Stecyk won the door prize, 18 March	Ken Bailey won \$36.50 in the 50/50, 18 March

Clearly, buying 50/50 tickets at the club is the path to amassing a large fortune!

### Success – Challenges – Future

Richard Barnes  
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I came home this evening after attending, in my opinion, the most successful Edmonton Stamp Club Spring Stamp Show that I can remember. The ESC should accept congratulations for hosting another excellent event. Remember to praise the club members for their work and success: Ed Dykstra our VP and show coordinator, his show committee members, and our fellow club members who did the work to set up, host, and operate this show, and take down the show upon completion.

For almost two years now the ESC in conjunction with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) were looking towards the ESC hosting a three day ROYAL Stamp Show in June 2025 instead of our usual spring show. This has required a lot of work, discussion, and some controversy for the ESC board. The members of the ESC board, as volunteers, have only so much time and energy; and some



members' concerns and suggestions have not been acted upon. This project has been resolved for the ESC. We will not be hosting a Royal show in 2025. Our board has been told by the RPSC that Montreal will host the 2025 Royal show. Now we can move on to acting on ESC members' suggestions for change and improvement. The ESC has a solid financial base to move forward in the immediate future.

To be successful, the ESC must have member participation and leadership going forward in the coming years. We have our elections coming up in June. There are only four ESC regular meeting between now and June when the club elections take place. In addition to the elections of regular ESC board members this year, we must fill the positions of president, treasurer, and secretary. These are critical positions to maintain the basic functions of the club.

Please think about participating in the operations of our club. If you think the Edmonton Stamp Club is a worthwhile activity, please consider becoming a board member. Talk with other members of the club and discuss participating on the board. If you have previous experience that would assist the club in financial matters or administration, talk to your fellow club members and/or current board members. PLEASE think about taking on an executive position. Warren Stein is the board member with the information about standing for election.

In addition to working to improve existing functions and programs, I expect the ESC will be looking at the suggestions and recommendations that were submitted to the board during the survey provided to members in the past. Part of the implementation of changes to our operations will be the introduction early in the new club year of committees to assist the board to implement procedures. Committee members will only have to be ESC members. I know that the ESC is looking to make more practical use of the computer and the Web. We need members who are knowledgeable in using computers for more than sending emails to identify themselves and hopefully letting their name stand for election or notify the club of their willingness to assist on a committee. I regret that I am just a duffer with a computer.

I will be letting my name stand in the coming election.

**Robert Schutte, ESC #1539**

Peter Kuester  
peju(at)shaw.ca



Robert Schutte was born in Amsterdam in 1937. History tells us that he spent his early years in an occupied country, followed by the harsh postwar years. He dedicated his time and energy to his interest in chemistry until he earned his doctorate. Along the way he met, courted, and married his lifelong soulmate, Margot. The opportunity to continue his studies at the University of Alberta led the two to emigrate in 1963, arriving in the depth of winter in Edmonton three days before New Year's Eve. They had one another and persevered.

Upon completion of his second doctorate, Rob became an early employee (#64) at a new venture in northern Alberta. Two years of research led to the first Syncrude pilot plant opening, and he became Director of Research, and then Director of Mining Technical at the time of his retirement. The family had grown to five by then, and although Margot remembers the strain of living hours away from him for days and weeks at a time, she was able to enjoy retirement with him for almost thirty years.

Rob and Margot were now able to travel. China was one destination, and Rob began to take Chinese language lessons. An interest in and a dedication to Tai Chi led to his Master Teacher

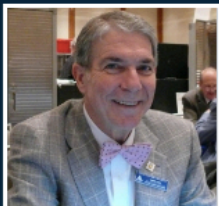
designation. They tried living in Victoria, but returned to Edmonton where Rob spent his energy on his garden and his stamp collection (Netherlands, Art on stamps, Ships on stamps, Maps on stamps, and more).

A firm believer in the adage “many hands make light work,” Rob assumed many roles in the ESC executive, including membership director and president, until health concerns and the Covid lockdowns eliminated that opportunity to participate.

Rob was a true gentleman, with an interest in others and a profound belief that people would thrive better with co-operation than with competition. He assisted where he could and was generous with his those he encountered. Those lucky enough to have spent time with him will miss him and, for all the others, try to find someone whose kind, compassionate, intelligent company makes you feel better for having been with them. Rob was like that.

He passed away on 21 February 2024.

*CLOSED ALBUM*  
**RANDY L. NEIL**  
1941-2024



Luff Award Winner  
AAPE Co-Founder  
APS President

Former APS President Randy L. Neil passed away on 6 March 2024. A dedicated philatelist, award-winning writer, and pioneering exhibitor, Randy made countless contributions to the hobby, from the creation of the APS Tiffany Endowment Fund to co-founding the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

## Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. 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.

### 2024

22 April

6 and 27 May

3 and 17 June

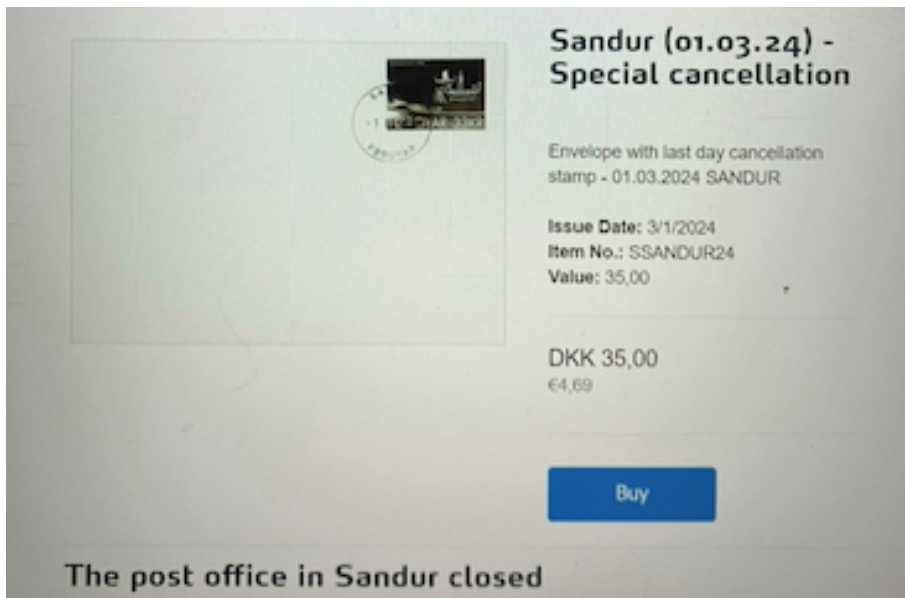
20 July (summer auction)

### Faroe Islands Last Day Cover

Jeff Pacey

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Postal agencies around the world issue first day covers of their stamps. The Faroe Islands postal service has taken this up a notch. They are closing the post office at Sandur. As such they are issuing last day of issue envelopes. All sales final!



**Sandur (01.03.24) - Special cancellation**

Envelope with last day cancellation stamp - 01.03.2024 SANDUR

Issue Date: 3/1/2024  
Item No.: SSANDUR24  
Value: 35,00

DKK 35,00  
€4,69

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**The post office in Sandur closed**