

The Bulletin

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ANOTHER NEW TOPIC FOR ME

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I am one of those collectors (a border-line philatelist) who likes lots of variety in my collecting. And so I have a multi-album collection of Canada, Great Britain, the United States, Spain and (my favourite) France. But I also have a “world wide” collection that does not accommodate the wide world – that is because I collect very few African countries and no “sand dune” countries. But even that is subject to exception – I do like the early colonial issues in those areas.

I even have a few areas of topical interest – wine (including beer and liquor, but *mostly* wine!); canoes (but including kayaks and olympic type canoeing); every collector's favourite – stamps on stamps (but even here I extend myself, because I like those stamps that are *about* stamps and stamp collecting, but don't actually portray a stamp); and two side line topicals (side line because I don't do much with them) – Lord of the Rings issues, and Scott catalogue numbers 611 and 140 (this one is *very* personal, so if you want to know what it is all about, you will have to ask me).

All of which tells you how varied my interests are – I seldom have a plan when I sit down at my desk to “do” stamps. Which brings me to my new topic for collecting – I blame Ken Magee for this one – I am putting together a collection of cancelled stamps where the cancel is a clear date cancel – dates that show the month in alpha and the year in numeric, for the period 1900 to 2000 (but of course, being me, I have a place for such stamps that are pre-1900 and post-2000!).

This topic arose because of the difficulty in “soaking” the newer issues off paper, so I started trimming those stamps to include the cancel (and hence part of the envelope). This in turn caused me to start looking at the cancel on a stamp instead of the stamp itself.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Saugeen Stamp Club
Tuesday June 4
- Kincardine Stamp Club
Wednesday June 6
- Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wednesday June 19
- Guelph Stamp Club
Wednesday June 5
Wednesday June 19
- KW Philatelic Society
Thursday June 6

One Page Exhibits - Upcoming Topics

**June -
Military**

**July -
Natural Phenomenon**

**Aug -
Canada**

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.....Walt Berry

The show went on – and what a show it turned out to be for our club. Thanks to the many volunteers who stepped up to the plate and did a large variety of tasks ensuring an excellent day for all attendees. Our club is very fortunate to have so many members do what has to be done, when it has to be done. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Our friendly donors also ensured there were an ample supply of door prizes for the hourly draws. The attending dealers appeared to be busy for the best part of the day – and we do hope they were happy with the result of their sales.

Member David Pugh's exhibit was chosen by the visitors as "The People's Choice" – congratulations David. There were many exhibits on a variety of topics – perhaps next year we can encourage more members to exhibit to show off their collecting interests.

The first ever silent auction went reasonably well – it was a good building block for a larger auction next year. I am reasonably sure many members have good quality material they would like to move to a new home but are reluctant to place it in auction fearing a poor return for good material. Place a respectable "RESERVE PRICE" on this material.

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What's coming up:

See the Grand News for complete details for the following:

May 25 – Grey Bruce Simcoe & Area Stamp Clubs Circuit Books Fair

June 21-23, 2019 – Royal *2019* Royale, Hilton Mississauga

July 18 – 21 – PHSC Symposium

August 10 – Kinex 2019 – Kincardine Stamp Club

Another Measured Moment.....

Soccer World Cup 2018

Who can forget the 2018 World Cup of Soccer run by Iceland's team. With a population of about 300,000 people, Iceland was the smallest country to ever qualify for the "Cup Finals". The tournament was held in 11 cities in Russia. It matters not who won the cup, but for such a small country to even be invited to the event was remarkable. The *GUARDIAN*' a British newspaper' published a power-ranking of the 32 teams participating and Iceland was rated twelve on the list, ahead of such traditional contenders as England and Colombia.

Clearly this called for Iceland to issue a stamp marking this national achievement. To do so, all members of the national football team participated in the design of the stamp, at their training camp, in Qatar. Each member of the team was asked to trace an image onto transparent paper and the designer, Orn Smari Gislason scanned each image and set them together to form the illustration featured on the stamp. It is unknown whether any other national team, in any sport, has ever designed a postage stamp.

Viewing the finished product, issued 26 April 2018, I believe that the footballers should stick to Soccer and let the professional designers create the stamps. Certainly Iceland has an interesting history and some of the most beautiful stamps in the world; sadly this stamp is not in the same league. Nevertheless it will be finding a place of honour in the collections and in the hearts of many Icelandic Philatelists.



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And as to Ken's part in this, well, he has a collection that includes not only the month and year but the date! I have heard of others who try to fill a calendar but this is my variation on the theme. I don't care what the issue is or the country of issue, but there are some great cancels out there, and I have just started to take a closer look at them.

The point here is that collecting should be fun and interesting – collect whatever interests you, don't accept limitations on what you should collect, and enjoy what you are doing!

Shared Strategies: (in line with Bill's article)

Recently I have been struggling with a topic for an exhibit. Advice I was given was to think about my interests and see if philatelic items can be found about that interest. I am not prone to get into topicals BUT maybe this is a way for interests to cross over into each other.

We are on the web!
<http://saugeenstampclub.webplus.net/index.html>

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*Chapter 1538, American
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*Chapter 21, Grand River Valley
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