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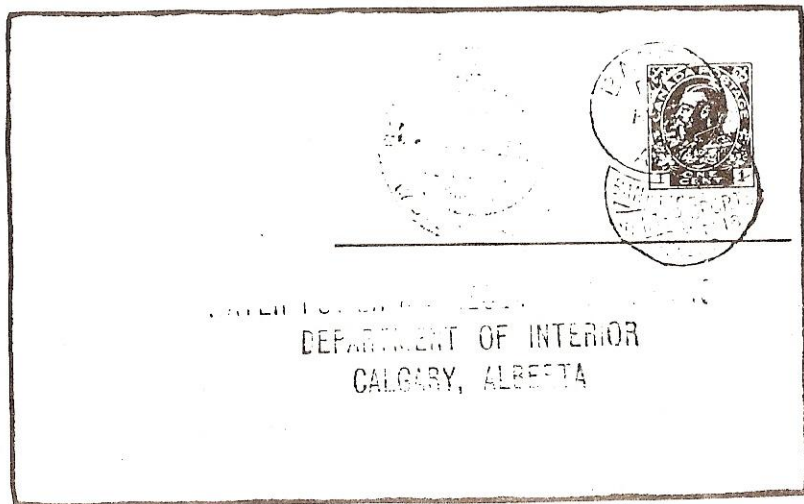
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Since the Olympic word police might sue if we mention the great events of February 1988, we bring you instead some winter games of a different sort. For details, read Perry Holinshead's article inside this issue.



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THE NEW SCIENCE OF COMPARATIVE HOBBYLOGY

by Dale Speirs

Most philatelists have one or more other hobbies as well. By doing so, it is possible to avoid burnout and the resulting abandonment of philately from boredom or overwork. A change is as good as a rest. Changing mental gears between hobbies and rotating one's activities allows for a continued interest in all of the chosen hobbies. The differences and similarities between hobbies are quite intellectually stimulating. A graduate student desperate for a thesis topic is invited to consider the new and exciting field of comparative hobbyology.

My alternative hobbies are aquarium-keeping and science-fiction (SF), and I would like to compare these hobbies with philately.

Of the three hobbies, philately is the most structured and organized. There is one international organization, the F.I.P., which sets the standards. Each country has a national organization, and there are numerous specialty societies. Local clubs are autonomous and can do as they please, although serious philatelists must sooner or later acknowledge the authority of the national and international societies in exhibiting. Aquarists have no truly international society, and the general societies are rather young and still building up strength. Canada and the United States share the Federation of American Aquarium Societies as an international group; Europeans have their regional groups, but no one society acts in a capacity similar to the F.I.P.. There are specialty societies and local clubs which may or may not adhere to any given set of standards. SF fandom has no consistent international or national organizations which can enforce standards. Local clubs operate independently, and feuding is frequent, mainly because most SF fans are relatively young and immature.

These differences can perhaps be attributed to the age of these hobbies. Organized philately began in the late 1800s, aquaristics in the early 1900s, and SF not until the late 1930s. Philately is well structured; aquarium-keepers are groping towards organizational control, and SF seems unlikely to ever reach any state but anarchy.

Writing is popular in all three hobbies, and awards are given. SF has two major awards, the Hugo and the Nebula. Both are based on voting by the SF public; because they are popularity contests, unknown writers seldom have a chance. Philatelic and aquarium literature is judged by a learned jury, and it is easier for these works to be judged on their merits, not by politicking. Philatelic awards are given out by national and international shows; aquarium awards are controlled by one annual competition sponsored by the Federation of American Aquarium Societies (F.A.A.S.). In the latter scheme, only amateur writers are eligible, while philately and SF do not discriminate between amateur and professional writers.

Aquarium and SF publishers both exchange club bulletins readily, while philately has never developed this idea to any great degree. The aquarium and philatelic periodicals are either club bulletins or house organs put out by dealers. In SF, club bulletins are common, but many periodicals are published by individuals for exchange only for other magazines or for articles and letters for publication.

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Canada Post Société canadienne
Corporation des postes

Corporate Policy

CANADA POST CORPORATION

CORPORATE POLICY ON THE SELECTION OF POSTAGE STAMP SUBJECTS AND DESIGNS

interest and business-related objectives mentioned above. The scope of the Corporation's annual stamp program, which is reviewed periodically, is dictated by business and philatelic considerations.

1. It is the policy of Canada Post Corporation, in issuing postage stamps as an integral part of its business activities, to ensure that its stamps:

- instil pride in their country in the minds and hearts of all Canadians;
- are of interest and have popular appeal to broad segments of the Canadian population;
- encourage Canadians of all ages to buy and collect stamps, and
- enhance the regard in which Canadian stamps are held in Canadian and international philatelic circles.

2. To this end, the Corporation invites suggestions for stamp subjects from Canadians from all walks of life and with the advice of a Stamp Advisory Committee, selects from the several hundreds of suggestions received each year, about fifteen broad subjects or themes under which to issue in each calendar year the 30 to 40 individual stamps deemed most appropriate to meet the public

3. In considering the suggestions or requests received, the Stamp Advisory Committee gives preference to those subjects which best meet the four primary objectives mentioned above and the following criteria:

- are primarily related to Canada and of national interest and significance;
- evoke Canadian history, traditions, accomplishments or natural heritage;
- illustrate the social, cultural or economic life of Canada;
- commemorate the birth, the work or an event in the life of deceased persons generally recognized as having made outstanding contributions to Canada, and
- foster a spirit of national and international goodwill and understanding.

4. Given the large number of suggestions received and the limited scope of the Corporation's annual stamp program, the Committee

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Philatelic and SF history is well documented by all manner of books and magazine articles. Aquarists have a poorly-understood history, and histories are few and limited. Most aquarists have no idea who the big names were in their hobby ten or thirty years ago. It would be like Isaac Asimov having gone permanently out of print after five years.

All three hobbies have local shows. SF shows are referred to as 'cons' in the same way that philatelic shows are 'PEX's', but there is no standard style for aquarium shows. Aquarists have many national shows, usually specialized for one kind of fish. SF national shows are generalized in the same manner as philatelic shows. The aquarium hobby does not have true international shows. SF has a single international show each year known as the World Con; the Hugo awards are given at this show.

Medals are the standard type of award at philatelic shows, and ribbons at aquarium shows. All three hobbies have the usual rubber-chicken banquets, seminars and panels, auctions, and displays. Dealer bourses are common for SF and philatelic shows. While not unheard of for aquarium shows, they are rare, due to the difficulty in handling live fish and the extra space required for tanks.

Literature collecting is common to all three hobbies. There are national societies devoted to this subject for aquaristics and philately. Surprisingly, no such society exists for SF, even though this is a book and magazine oriented hobby.

Priced catalogs similar to Scott or Gibbons are unknown in the aquarium hobby, since the supply of livestock is a bit different than that of stamps. SF has dealer catalogs but no commonly-accepted standard for book and magazine prices.

All three hobbies are male-dominated, and most women are in it because of the influence of a father or husband. The collecting instinct seems universal in the male gender. Aquarium hobbyists tend to be in their family-raising years, from their 30s to 50s. SF fans are mostly teenagers and the university crowd, and are very mobile. Stamp collectors tend to range from their 30s to 70s. All three hobbies are worrying about aging and lack of young recruits, but this is a natural consequence of the aging of the baby boom. Over the next three decades, hobbyists will average out older and older. The generation born after 1965 is rather small by comparison, and consequently the new recruits are not there or are subject to other interests such as television.

All three hobbies are subject to fads. SF had 'new wave' in the late 1960s and 'cyberpunk' in the early 1980s. Aquarists had African rift lake cichlids in the 1970s and rainbowfish are just now becoming a hot item. Philatelists have such standbys as plate numbers, first on blocks twenty years ago, and presently on coils. Book-collecting purists fuss about uncut pages exactly as philatelists look for MNH gum.

adopts the not unreasonable practice of not favouring subjects or designs which would

Canadian designers commissioned to execute the stamp designs for the recommended subjects are selected for their skill in graphic arts and miniaturization and also represent as much as possible, that regional diversity.

- * honour a living person other than the sovereign;
- * commemorate a person or event on other than a twenty-fifth or a fiftieth anniversary, or a multiple of a fiftieth anniversary, or

7. The advisory Committee makes its recommendations for the Corporation's annual stamp program in the summer of the preceding year. The program approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation is announced publicly soon thereafter and a copy of the announcement is sent to all persons from whom suggestions had been received.

For the same reasons, in structuring a cohesive and well-balanced stamp program, the Advisory Committee endeavours to recognize as many as possible of the requests received to honour or commemorate directly individual organizations, groups, enterprises, institutions or localities, but under somewhat broader or less specific subjects or themes than suggested, which can encompass or respond to several of the suggestions received. In so doing, the Advisory Committee enhances the achievement of the second primary objective mentioned in paragraph 1 while still adhering to the selection criteria outlined in paragraph 3.

8. Given the number of these suggestions, the selection process outlined above and the stamp design and production lead-times required, suggestions for stamp subjects should be sent at least two years prior to the beginning of the desired year of issue, to:

Chairman of the Stamp Advisory Committee
Canada Post Corporation
Sir Alexander Campbell Building
OTTAWA, Ontario
K1A 0B1

Corporate Policy adopted by the CPC
Board of Directors on August 13, 1987

The first meeting of the G.B. Study Group was held November 25, 1987. Although only four people were present, it made an enjoyable couple of hours, mostly spent discussing each other's interests in G.B. philately. Those interests ranged from collecting used commemoratives thru regionals, slogan cancels, covers, and even some very narrow fields such as the Downey Head issues of 1912. With such a broad spectrum of interests, and the obvious enthusiasm of those present, it was decided to meet again on January 13.

Hopefully, we can stimulate further interest in the stamps of G.B., and get more people to come along. Watch for the slide show on April 6. Any interested party should contact David Warren (253-7342 evenings) or Steve Davis (237-5806 evenings).

TRADING CLUB

Membership is free. Leave name, collecting interests, and phone number on list at general meetings.

Guy Boissonneault (259-8600) - Hong Kong used QV to KGVI, postal history of Hong Kong, Gold Coast used.

Phil Wolf (251-4109) - Niger Coast, Canada military mail, squared circles.

John Van Staden Jr. - U.N. mint or used, FDCs, topicals, Australia, Indonesia, Canada, botanical, Antarctic, especially U.N. military

Walter Herozik (248-7148) - The Rhodesias, used and covers.

Bruce Irvine (243-2999) - G.B. used

Jim Taylor (238-3698) - St. Pierre & Miquelon. I buy bulk stamps mintsheets, CTOs, sets, etc.

Mike Reid (281-6062) - Canada cancels on stamps

Nicole Van Staden (285-1874) - butterflies and moths

Greg Sereda (285-0239) - Liberia anything, Canada and USA mint only

Caron Wolf (251-4109) - butterflies and moths, insects

OLYMPIC CANCELLATIONS

Canada Post will be offering nineteen different postmarks at venues. Postmarks are only available when events are actually in progress. If you want each cancellation for each available day, then you need 91 covers for a set. If you want a set for each of the eleven Olympic stamps, then you will need 1012 envelopes. If you want blocks cancelled as well as singles, then you need 2024 covers. And if you insist on matched plate block sets, go out and buy enough for 5060 covers.

Any completists out there?

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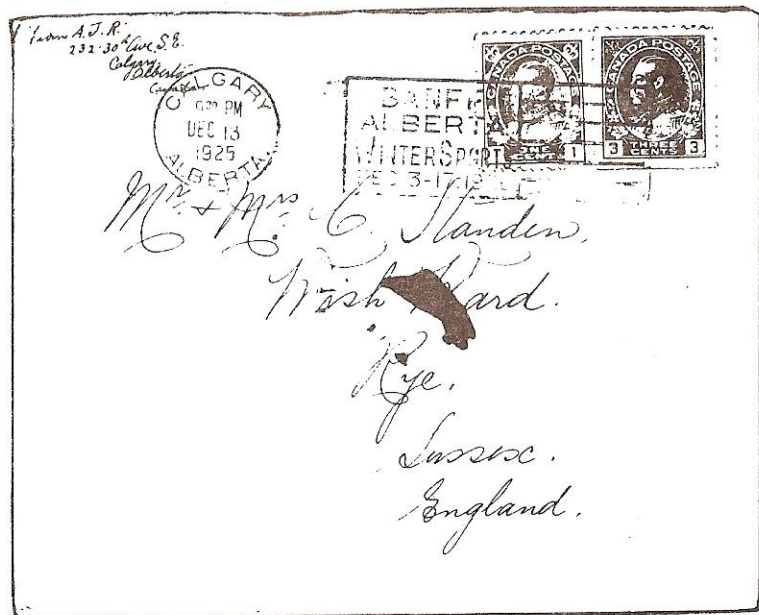
by Perry Holinshead

I do not know just when these games started or ended, but do know that they were held as early as 1919 and as late as 1954.

In 1921, such sports as skating, fancy and art skating, curling, snow-shoeing, ski-running, ski jumping, ski-joring (being towed on skis behind a horse or car), tobogganing, trap-shooting, sleighing, and dancing were advertised. Accommodation rates, including the Hot Springs Hotel, were advertised at \$3.50 and up.

In 1930, figure-skating competitions were held between the leading western Canadian clubs, from Winnipeg to Vancouver. Speedskating attracted competitors from Montana, Idaho, and Colorado. A carnival queen was elected, and Indians demonstrated how to erect a teepee. There were also ladies hockey, packing and saddling horses, and making camp in the snow. Of course all these activities took place in open air conditions.

It would be interesting to know who inspired the special slogan cancel that was used as shown below.



OLYMPIC METER SLOGANS

by Glenn Estus

This is a listing of all the companies that have some sort of Olympic slogan in their meters. If someone comes across anything not listed, please drop me a note so that I may record the information (write to me at Box 451, Westport, NY 12993, USA). I also have a more complete listing by actual meter numbers, colours, etc., that I would be glad to send to any collectors. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Estus would probably appreciate a business-size SASE in which to mail his listings). This list of companies using Olympic meters has been updated thru December 30, 1987.

Shell Canada, Calgary
 Shell Canada, Don Mills, Ontario
 Nova, An Alberta Corporation, Calgary
 United States Equestrian Team, Gladstone, NJ
 United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs
 American Motors Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 The City of Calgary
 Swiss Timing, Bienne, Switzerland
 Korean National Tourism Corporation, Frankfurt, West Germany
 Emporium Hamburg, Hamburg, West Germany
 Korean National Tourism Office, Chicago, Illinois
 CTV Television Network, Toronto
 3M Canada, London, Ontario
 brother, Montreal
 Bow Valley Industries, Calgary
 Hilton Hawaii Hotel, Honolulu
 Calgary Organizing Committee
 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
 Central New York
 Connecticut
 Florida
 Greater Utica
 Iowa
 Louisiana
 Maine
 the National Capital Area
 New Jersey
 Vermont and/or New Hampshire
 Northern Ohio
 Western Iowa and South Dakota
 Western New York
 Western Pennsylvania
 Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin
 Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, New York City
 Medicare B, Biddeford, Maine (although meter is marked Boston, Mass.)

CANADA'S BILL STAMPS: AN OVERVIEW by Bradley Harris

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a transcription of a talk given to the January 6, 1988 meeting, which was very well received. The highlight came at the end when Mr. Harris handed out summaries of his talk, with an actual bill stamp attached! The Editor hopes this example might be followed by anyone lecturing on Pence issues or the Bluenose.)

Stamps do more than mail letters. At times in Canada's history, one could not legally, without benefit of an adhesive revenue stamp, buy beer or wine, get a hunting licence, pass thru Customs, collect vacation pay, start a lawsuit, or crack a deck of playing cards.

Canada's first revenue stamps were the Bill stamps of 1864 to 1882. Starting August 1, 1864, all promissory notes, drafts, and bills of exchange had to bear Bill stamps, properly cancelled, in order to be enforceable. For a document executed singly, the rate was one cent per \$100 of face value or part thereof, for all notes over \$100. There were other rates for notes made in duplicate or triplicate.

The first Bill issue of 1864, like the two later issues, existed in face values of 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 7¢, 8¢, 9¢, 10¢, 20¢, 30¢, 40¢, 50¢, \$1, \$2, and \$3. The dollar stamps were larger than the cents stamps. The design bears a strong similarity to the postage stamps of 1859. The year 1865 saw the release of the Second issue, resembling the Large Queen postage stamp of 1868. The Third issue of 1868 was used until the repeal of the Bill tax in 1882, and the design resembled the 20¢ and 50¢ Small Queen postage stamps of 1893. From 1868 to 1872, Third issue stamps overprinted 'N.S.' appeared for use in Nova Scotia, whose currency at that time differed from the rest of Canada. These are scarcer than the regular Federal issues.

Many varieties of Bill stamps exist. Stamps of the First issue abound with interesting errors such as inverted centres, and, in the 9¢ issue, a 'B' for the 'E' in 'NINE'. Other varieties worth searching for are watermarks and imperforate stamps. Save for the unusual varieties, most Bill stamps are relatively cheap. They are not well studied, and are often ignored by dealers and auctioneers. A sharp eye pays off in bargains and exciting discoveries.

As the cover is to the postal historian, so is the document to the revenueur. Indeed, Bill stamps cannot be appreciated without the promissory notes and other legal documents that are the context of their use. On documents, you can search for interesting pen cancellations, wrong denominations used, handstamp cancels of various banks and notaries, famous names, notes made in unusual parts of the country, and the wonderful printing and penmanship that characterizes the notes themselves.

FOUNDERS' AWARD

The Founders' Award is presented to the C.P.S. member considered by the committee to have made a significant contribution to the club. Winners are listed as follows.

Don Fraser	1980-81
Keith Brown	1981-82
Al Munro	1982-83
Leanna Johnson	1983-84
John Jarabek	1984-85
Guy Boissonneault	1985-86
Dale Speirs	1986-87

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These advertisements are free to paidup members of the C.P.S., to a maximum of ten lines, including name and address. Send ads to the Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. The next deadline is April 6, for the issue appearing in late April.

WANTED TO BUY: Postally used Spain, Philippines, and Malta of last ten years or so. Contact Bob Simpson at 280-0933.

PROPOSED STUDY GROUP: Members who are interested in exchanging information, knowledge, or material relevant to the study of Great Britain stamps and postal history are asked to contact David Warren at 253-7342. If enough people are interested, we shall form a G.B. Study Group, which shall meet three or four times each year.

WANTED: person or persons to volunteer to look after security for CALTAPEX 88. Please call Steve Davis at 297-8102.

BUY, SELL, OR TRADE: Canadian and British Commonwealth unexploded booklets. Call Phil at 251-4109.

WANTED: Town-dated singles, blocks and plate blocks of Canada, especially pre-WW2. Phone Ed Harris at 274-0021.

WANTED: Back issues of the Calgary STAMPede. The Editor is always looking for extra copies for use as giveaways at shows, etc.. If you do not require your copies, please pass them on to Dale Speirs at the meetings or mail to Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

WANTED TO BUY: Clean, unmarked copies of the following philatelic periodicals. Write first to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, Alta, T2P 2E7.

BNA Topics - Whole numbers 103, 85 to 99, 83, 33 to 79	
Maple Leaves - 1958 Dec	1957 Jan to Oct
1956 Dec	1955 Dec
1954 all except July	1953 all issues
Canadian Philatelist - 1959 Jan, Feb	
1958 Jan, Feb, July Aug	
1957 Jan to Aug	
1956 and earlier - all issues	

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1988

February	3		General meeting
	7		Sunday bourse
	13 to 28		OLYMPEX 88
March	2		General meeting
	6		Sunday bourse
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
April	6		General meeting
	6		Bulletin deadline
	10		Sunday bourse
	20		Auction
	24		STAMP DAY
	27		Auction
May	1		Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
	25		Bulletin deadline
June	1		Election meeting
	15		Auction
	22		Auction

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, second floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 p.m. to allow bidder viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSES are at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Avenue SW, from 10 a.m. to 430 p.m.. To book a table, telephone Tim Presber at 280-9739.

STAMP DAY will be held at Marlborough Inn. For details, contact John Van Staden Jr. at 285-1874.

OLYMPEX 88 will run for the duration of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, at the Calgary Convention Centre, 9 Avenue and 1 Street SE. For further information, write OLYMPEX 88, Olympic Arts Festival, Box 1988, Stn C, Calgary, T2T 5R4.

AUSTRALASIAN STUDY GROUP meets third Wednesdays. For information, contact Leanna Johnson at 282-9775.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, Calgary Chapter, meets second Wednesdays. For information, contact Phil Wolf at 251-4109.