

CALGARY PHILATELIST

Issue 155

June 2018



This issue will be mailed out with your Editor likes to call the steampunk bees stamps.

Calgary Philatelist is published by the Calgary Philatelic Society. It is copyright by the CPS, except signed articles, which are copyright by the authors. Written permission is required to reprint articles.

Membership dues for the season are \$15, plus an initiation fee of \$10 for new members. Send to the CPS, Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2L6. Notice of address changes or enquiries about missing copies should be sent to the Membership Chairman, not the Editor.

The CPS mailing address is Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6. The Web site is: www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com

Articles or advertisements for Calgary Philatelist should be sent to the Editor, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 2E7. Small ads are free to paid-up CPS members. Display ads are \$10 per full page per issue for hardcopy, jpeg, or pdf format only. Small ads and articles as hardcopy, plain text file, WordPerfect, or MS Word 1997 format only. Mail to Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand to Dale Speirs at meetings, or email to opuntia57@yahoo.ca Please do not email club business to this address.

The CPS was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

A cumulative subject index from issue #1 to date for the CALGARY PHILATELIST exists but because of its length is too long to be published in this bulletin. A free pdf copy can be downloaded from www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com.

2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Past President	Larry Tweedale	282-9726
President	Murray Bialek	241-2006
Vice President	Jim Senecal	547-7681
Secretary	Donna Trathen	272-0804
Treasurer	Norma Nielson	547-6197
Directors - ex officio, Past President	Larry Tweedale	282-9726
- ex officio, Life Members	Gerry Vader	293-0158
-	Martha Dunsmore	282-0353
-	Janice Brookes	251-1769
-	Doug Kollar	547-3838
-	Erika Peter	257-7673

COMMITTEES - see page 15 for list of committee chairpersons.

CANADIAN WOMEN IN SPORTS

by Raymond Villeneuve

On January 24, Canada Post honored “Six amazing Canadian superstars” among our national athletes. They were 6 women who distinguished themselves in a variety of winter sports: twin sisters Shirley and Sharon Firth, Sonya Gaudet, Danielle Goyette, Nancy Greene and Clara Hughes (featured in the 2018 April issue of CALGARY PHILATELIST). These 5 stamps issued in honor of these outstanding women was in part to reflect on the best winter athletes our country was sending to the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Other women have been celebrated on Canadian stamps throughout the years but they were few and far between. The previous issue celebrating women in sports was the 2015 Soccer team participating in the FIFA World Cup events held in Canada.



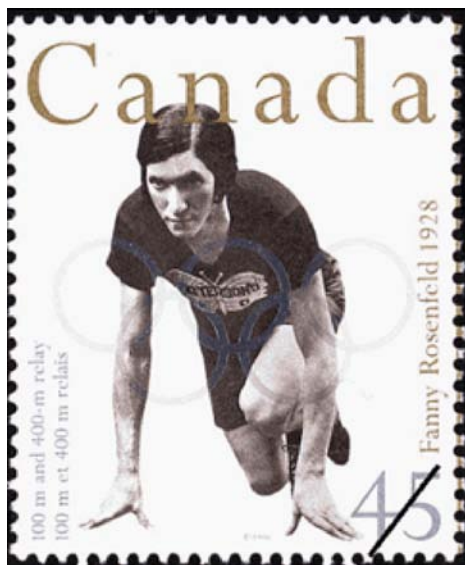
In February of 2014, we saw 3 stamps with winter sports heroes with, among them, Barbara Ann Scott, Sandra Smirler and Sara Burke.

For the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada issued quite a number of stamps with one showing, amongst other athletes, cross-country skier and gold medal winner Chandra Crawford.

Between 2000 and 2010, over 90 sports stamps were issued but only 8 of those showed women involved in sports and Crawford was the only one identified specifically.

In 1996, a booklet celebrating past Olympians highlighted the exploits of our female athletes of the 1928 Games in Amsterdam.

That was the year the IOC allowed women to participate in track and field events for the first time. Our Canadians did particularly well with Ethel Catherwood winning gold in high jump, Fanny Rosenfeld winning the 100m race and the 400m relay race with Jane Bell, Myrtle Cook and Ethel Smith. Along with Jean Thompson, these six athletes also captured the overall team competition in these Olympics. The 1988 Winter Games held in Calgary were celebrated with 11 sport issues but their computer generated design was so obscure that it was often difficult to identify the athlete's gender. Overall, prior to 2000, 31 stamps out of 94 sports stamps show women participating in sport activities but only 15 of those are in competitive sports.



Women in sports have not had all the credit they deserve. Not many of them have been celebrated by stamp issues relative to the number of sports stamps issued in general and very few to commemorate individual female athletes. But times are changing.

Canadian women athletes are participating in as many events as men now and winning more and more medals. Witness our latest success in the Olympic Winter Games held in South Korea. Of the 225 athletes, 103 were women. Out of 29 medals, they won 12 individual and 5 team medals including 5 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze. Hopefully more of them will be celebrated on stamp issues for all to appreciate.

STUDY GROUP REPORTS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580. The March 14 meeting had a talk by Hugh Delaney about the quarantine facility and its post office at Grosse Ile, Québec, in the mouth of the St Lawrence River. At the April 11 meeting, Jon Johnson showed a variety of Canada covers with interesting stories or problems behind them.

URGENT VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

The Treasurer is retiring at the end of this season, and a replacement is needed for this critical job. The CPS also needs a new Membership Chairman to keep the records and print out mailing labels for the bulletin. The third position is the Volunteer Coordinator, who signs people up to help at shows and circulates the Christmas potluck supper list. Please contact Murray Bialek at 241-2006 soonest.

SHIPLEY PARCEL TAGS: PART 4

by Dale Speirs

Postmarks: Roller Cancels.

Figure 22 (graphically cropped) shows a common style of roller, this one from Bellevue, with the name perpendicular to the roller. Some post offices had more than one roller cancel for their parcels and odd lots, as shown in Figure 23, a Three Hills #1 cancel (graphically cropped), and Figure 24, a Didsbury #2 roller.



Figure 22



Figure 23

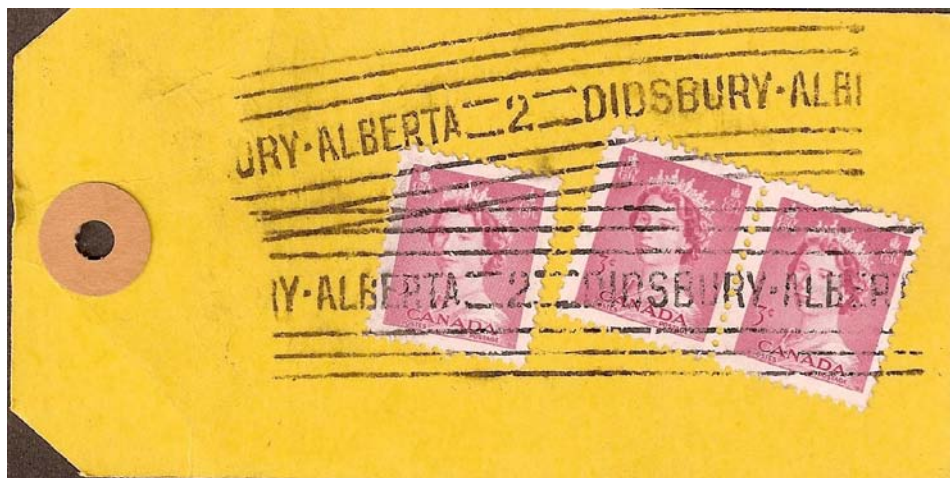


Figure 24

A few of the parcel tags out of hundreds were uncanceled at the originating post office and missed by the receiving post office, that is, Calgary. They did catch most of them though, and thus some of the tags have Calgary cancels even though mailed from a rural town. Figure 25 is an example of a dated roller cancel after a tag was caught in Calgary.



Figure 25

Figure 26, from sometime in the 1950s, is a classic example of the type of cancel that has raised the ire of generations of philatelists around the world, the crayon cancel. This one was mailed from Olds, and the crayon roller, if I can call it that, could have been applied at either end. I found only six crayon scribbles in the thousands of parcel tags I sorted. This may have been because whoever set aside the tags at Shipley threw out the spoiled ones.



Figure 26



From out of province, I illustrate examples from Eston, Saskatchewan (Figure 27, graphically cropped) and Creston, British Columbia (Figure 28, graphically cropped).

[To be continued]

Left: Figure 27
Below: Figure 28



WANTED: RAILWAY POST OFFICE INFORMATION

by Jason Sailer

Stirling, Alberta

gcprs@telus.net

I am the secretary with the Galt Historic Railway Park near Stirling. We have had an railway post office car donated to us by CPR in 2011. We want to eventually create an exhibit about railway post office cars, etc. and was wondering if your group had any information on them or if you knew of a different group that did. Even information on how they were operated, ink stamps, procedures, markings, etc would be helpful.

[Editor's note: I sent him details about the BNAPS and RPSC Websites, but if anyone else has more information, please contact Jason directly.]

A bit of the background on our RPO car: This particular example, #3774, was designed by CPR Master Carbuilder R.W. Burnett, and was one of the first-all steel body cars used by the Railway. It was built in July 1918 in their company shops in Montreal. It was used by CPR as a railway post office car until June 1959 when railway post office operations ended across Canada. It was transferred to the MOW service in the Revelstoke area for many years until being 'retired' in the early 1980s.

It was proposed to be donated to Heritage Park in Calgary, who were planning on restoring it back to its original appearance and usage as a railway post office car. However, after evaluating the car, Heritage Park decided it would cost too much to restore, so the car was transferred to the Calgary Ogden yards where it sat in storage.

It was then donated to the Galt Historic Railway Park in the spring of 2011, and was brought on a flat car down from Calgary on the Hospital train. Its own wheels and trucks were removed at some point in the 1980s to go onto a different Burnett car. There are only 3 other examples of Burnett cars known in Canada. A similar example, #3770 was located in Cranbrook, BC for a while. The Society hopes to restore this car back to its original shape and have it as an exhibit/display on how railway post offices operated.

CHANGES IN JUNE

On June 20, the third Wednesday auction will be replaced by a members' bourse. \$5 will get you a table to sell your philatelic material. Contact Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

June 20 is also the deadline for the July issue of this bulletin, the only time it is not at a general meeting. Your editor is always looking for original articles on philately. If you are a paid-up member, you are entitled to free classified ads to buy, sell, or trade philatelic material.

On Thursday, June 28, in our regular meeting room at the Kerby Centre, there will be a special presentation from Canada Post officials about their forthcoming stamp issues. This is a rare occasion to hear directly from the people putting out the stamps.

BOWNESS POSTAL OUTLET RE-OPENS

by Dale Speirs

After a five year gap, Bowness once again has a postal outlet. The first post office opened in 1934 as Critchley, as it was then known, named after the homesteader whose ranch was the modern-day Bowness and Shouldice districts. Because the park was the dominant industry back then, the post office changed its name to Bowness in 1942.

When the City of Calgary annexed Bowness in 1961, the post office closed and became a Calgary sub-post office. When Canada Post privatized the sub offices, a string of retail postal outlets followed until the last one closed in 2013. After that, anyone wanting postal service had to go up the hill to the Marketmall RePO.



I got a telephone call from James Ryan that a new outlet was functioning in the Bownesian Grocer at the corner of 79 Street NW and Bowness Road. I visited it and the postmark and a photo are shown.

It is not a full-service outlet. They sell stamps and local

residents can pick up parcels there, but no signature mail or courier parcels can be dispatched from there. The clerk told me the outlet opened in November 2017.





Chinese Stamp Buyer

Pay top \$ for Asian Stamps

Jonathan Fenn

President, JSF Holdings, Inc.

jon@chinesestampbuyer.com

www.chinesestampbuyer.com

307/690-0925

PO Box 1328, 3455 Trapper Lane

Wilson, WY 83014 USA

email images for a cash offer

**Finders fee paid to keep
your eyes open**

IN MEMORIAM: JULIUS SZEKRENYES (1938-2018)

On March 10, Dr Julius Szekrenyes died after a lengthy struggle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Ginette, two daughters and a brother, and was predeceased by a son. The CPS offers its condolences to the family.

Julius joined the CPS in 1980. For many years he worked behind the scenes. In particular, before the advent of Powerpoint and pdfs, he would photograph stamps and covers for members putting on talks at the club meetings, and produce colour slides. After his retirement he became more active in the CPS. From 2004 to 2008 he was a Director. In 2010, he took over as Membership Chairman, a position he held until just before his death.

For his behind-the-scenes work he received the Dr E.G. Mason Award in 2005, which is granted for long service to the club. For the 2009/10 season, he received the Founders' Award. He was made an Honourary Life Member in 2016. He won the President's Pot twice, once in March 2014 and again in January 2018.

OUT-OF-TOWN SHOW RESULTS

At the Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition, Oregon, March 17 and 18, Norma Nielson won a Vermeil for her exhibit on the United Nations Chagall Window issue.

At the Edmonton National Spring Show on March 24 and 25, the following CPS members exhibited:

Jim Taylor "Saint Pierre et Miquelon: The Colonial series to the first pictorials" was a Court of Honour exhibit. Jim also served as Chief Judge.

Earle Covert "Canadian postal stationery using the Karsh photograph of Queen Elizabeth" won Gold and BNAPS Research Award.

Earle Covert "1963-66 Cameo design on postal stationery of Canada" won Large Vermeil.

Earle Covert "Salesmen "I will call" on postal stationery cards" won Silver-Bronze.

Janice Brookes "Evolution of the World Wildlife Fund logo" won Gold and AAPE WE .

Amelia Kelbert (granddaughter of Janice) "World of the Monarch Butterfly" won Youth Gold, Best Youth In Show, and AAPE Youth Award.

Donna Trathen "Christina Broom; Her work as a photographer" won Gold, PSS Award, and APS Medal of Excellence 1900-1940.

Donna Trathen "Horses: Origin, breeds, and roles" won Gold.

Hugh Delaney "Canada and Confederation" won Silver.

Jon Johnson "Canadian Merchant Navy, July 1943 to September 1945" won Gold, BNAPS Best One-Frame, and ESC Best One-Frame.

At WESTPEX 2018 in San Francisco, California, April 27 to 29, Walter Herdzik won Silver-Bronze for "Northern Rhodesia to North America 1926-1964". Steve B. Davis won Vermeil for "Canada War Issue 6c and 7c airmail rates and usages" as well as an American Airmail Society Vermeil.

SELECT STAMPS AND COVERS

#901 Westview Heights,
825 - 8 Avenue SW
(403)264-1551 or selstamp@telus.net

Canada and Worldwide
Stamps and Covers
20% discount on foreign stamps and collections for
CPS members

Recently purchased
many better Canadian stamps



Phil Wolf, proprietor, in the store

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paid-up CPS members. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at meetings. Unless stated otherwise, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Time. Any advertiser can be reached through the CPS e-mail at calphilso@shaw.ca, but please allow time for forwarding to offline members.

FOR SALE: 2,000 plus covers at a reasonable price. 1902-1930s from Rapid Cancelling Machine study. Email: cec.coutts@telus.net

WANTED: Chinese stamps buyer pays top dollar for Asian stamps. Send email scans or pictures. jon@chinesestampbuyer.com or www.chinesestampbuyer.com

FOR SALE: Zillions of Stamps is a Website organized by country and catalogue number using Scott, Michel, Stanley Gibbons, or Yvert, as well as by topics such as birds, trains, Scouts, or famous people. I am one of the contributors and have listed over 35,000 worldwide items under I. Rudyk. Contact Ihor Rudyk at ivrudyk@shaw.ca or visit www.zillionsofstamps.com

FOR SALE: Stamp collector's storage cabinet; white, six drawers and six mail boxes. Drawers are divided for storing various sized covers and loose items. \$100 May be viewed on Kijiji under Hobbies. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

FOR SALE: Seven Unity Canada stamp albums in a case. Annual pages to end of 2016. About 65% of stamp slots filled. Initial years mostly used. Recent years almost 100% mint. Price to be negotiated. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

BUY, SELL, OR TRADE: Great Britain and colonies, Canada and provinces, many other countries. Let me know interest. Robin Mitchell at (250)346-3275, mitchellcb39@gmail.com, or Box 56, Brisco, British Columbia V0A 1B0.

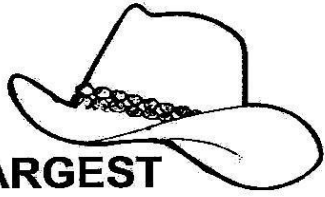
FOR SALE: Queen Elizabeth Machins, stamps and strips of four VFNH, about \$100 face value. WANTED TO BUY: Early German and British Colonies stamps to George VI. Call Godfrey at 464-3252.

WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 83 Headingley Road #1, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia, or michateekens@gmail.com

WANTED: We volunteer at the MCC thrift store in Calgary. They raise money for worldwide disaster relief and are looking for donations of old albums and pages, covers, and bulk stamps. Contact Greg Lang at 282-1644 or Gerry Vader at 293-0158.

WANTED AND FOR SALE: Wanted: stamps of India. For sale: Stamps of Egypt, Ceylon, and Burma (advanced collection). Contact jay_chahal@shaw.ca



CALGARY'S LARGEST STAMP SHOPPE

R.D. MINER PHILATELICS

STAMPEDE CITY STAMPS

(403) 233-7541

rdminer@telus.net

1613 - 14 Street SW, ground floor

Parking at rear, off 16 Avenue.

Bus routes 2, 6, and 7 stop by the building.

Open Monday thru Saturday.

WANTED TO BUY!

**Looking for good
quality material.**

**Bring it into our shop
and we'll make an offer.**



CLUB NEWS

The April bulletin was mailed from the Silver Springs RePO (Shoppers Drug Mart) using the Women in Winter Sports stamps.

Publications by CPS members:

Jim Taylor had “The Free French Stamp Booklets, St Pierre et Miquelon 1942” in the 2018 March issue of LONDON PHILATELIST, and “Stamp Collecting: The Canadian Demographic” in the 2018 Mar/April issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

That issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST also had a letter to the editor by Penny Borrowman proposing a Canadian organization of philatelic libraries. Elsewhere in that issue, David Piercey’s regular column on exhibiting discussed the use of white space and illustrated two of Jim Taylor’s exhibits as examples.

The President’s Pot was awarded at the April 4 general meeting to Dave Bartlet for his work on the CPS Website. At the May 2 meeting, it went to Raymond Villeneuve for his work as the dealer liaison at the Spring Bourse.

At the April 4 general meeting, the Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors presented a group programme on how to exhibit. Norma Nielson was the compere, and other CAPE members who took turns speaking on the subject were Jon Johnson, Sandy Freeman, Donna Trathen, and Dave Bartlet.

The May 4 programme was by Raymond Villeneuve, continuing from where his previous presentation left off on the philatelic history of the Olympics up to 1948.

COMMITTEES

Archives	Dale Speirs	701-0174
Auctions - regular	Doug Kollar	547-3838
- silent	Jim Senecal	547-7681
Bulletin - Editor	Dale Speirs	701-0174
Circuit books	Larry Tweedale	282-9726
Juniors	Jim Senecal (north side of city)	547-7681
	Pat Prevey (south side of city)	238-3435
Library	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
Life Members	Gerry Vader	293-0158
Membership	Murray Bialek	241-2006
Programmes	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
Webmaster	Dave Bartlet	829-3580

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

WARNING!

Vehicles in both Kerby lots must have licence plate numbers registered inside the building at the computer terminals. This is a 24/7 policy and the CPS is not exempt. Otherwise your vehicle will be clamped or towed.

WARNING!

WARNING!

WARNING!

2018

May	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
June	6	General meeting
	13	BNAPS Regional Group
	20	Members' bourse
	20	Deadline for July bulletin
July	13	Free Stampede breakfast, 08h00 at Kerby Centre
August	15	Deadline for September bulletin
September	5	Annual general meeting and elections
	5	Deadline for October bulletin
	12	BNAPS Regional Group
	19	Auction
	26	CAPE meeting
October	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

MEMBERS' BOURSE is the third Wednesday of June instead of the regular auction. \$5 will rent you a table to sell your stuff. Contact Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580.

JUNIOR CLUB meets monthly September to November and January to May on second Saturdays (north side of city) and third Saturdays (south side of city). Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681 (north side) or Pat Prevey at 238-3435 (south side).

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.