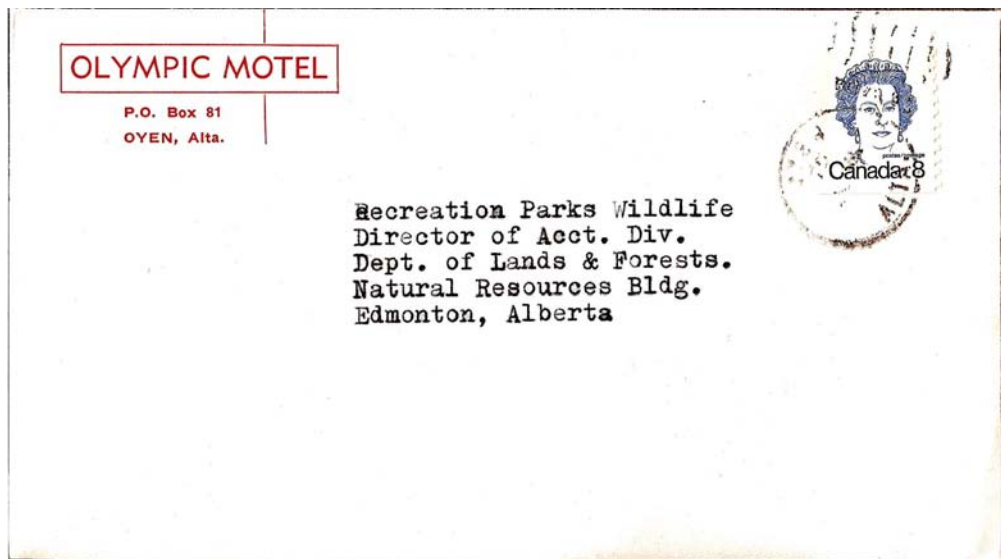


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The Olympics will be underway in Paris, France, by the time this issue is published. A good excuse to discuss the three Olympic Games hosted by Canada.

Today any business using the word Olympic runs the risk of a lawsuit from the Games people but many still use the cognomen. Mount Olympus is the highest mountain in Greece and was the traditional home of the gods. By that association, the words Olympic and Olympia came to mean something that towers over all and is superior.

Oyen has hotels but no longer one named Olympic. Calgary, on the other hand, does have an Olympia Lodge hotel near Canada Olympic Park.

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CANADA AND THE OLYMPICS

by Dale Speirs

The Summer Olympics were held from July 26 to August 11 in Paris, France. I don't collect Olympics as a topical but do gather in postal history from the three Canadian games. Montréal had the Summer Games in 1976, Calgary had the 1988 Winter Games, and Vancouver hosted the 2010 Winter Games. There is a plethora of material for these games.

Calgary.

Prior to being awarded the 1988 Games, Calgary and surrounding towns had been involved in an unsuccessful bid for the 1972 Games. In 1966, a slogan machine cancel was used to support this bid. The postmarks were used by Banff and Calgary.



The bid was obviously unsuccessful. The failing was that event venues were proposed for the national parks, which brought strong opposition. That lesson was noted by the 1988 bid committee, who kept all venues outside the national parks.

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Besides the postage stamps issued for the Calgary Games, there was much postal history to look for. One example was sponsorships, as many businesses advertised their connection on billing envelopes. The cover shown below was from Alberta Government Telephones, which later changed its name to Telus.

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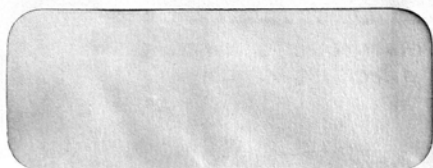
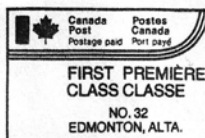


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There were 19 official postmarks from the venues, not only Calgary but the mountain areas where events occurred.

Event / venue
postmarks
(dates not shown)

	 1	 2	 3
 4	 5	 6	 7
 8	 9	 10	 11
 12	 13	 14	 15
 16	 17	 18	 19

This is an oddball that few Olympic philatelists know about. The USPS prepared a stamp for the Calgary Games but the design was rejected. Undaunted, the artist deleted the Calgary text, changed it to America the Beautiful, and re-used the artwork for a 1989 postal card, as shown below.



America the Beautiful USA21

© USPS 1989

And, of course, there were all kinds of first-day covers, such as this one by South Korea, which hosted the Summer games.



Montréal.

Jumping backward in time, Montréal hosted the 1976 Summer Games. This postage meter permit was graphically cropped from a Québec cover. Buckingham has since been amalgamated into Gatineau. For some reason this mark was printed in blue ink.



Vancouver.

The 2010 Winter Olympics were held in the Vancouver-Lower Mainland-Whistler area. Machine cancels were extinct by then, so instead we had fuzzy spray-on postmarks cheering on the Games. This one was from Greater Toronto, graphically cropped from a cover.

Congratulations Canada
Félicitations Canada
100224 21:50 M4L 3T0 D55



In the modern era, regular Olympic Games are closely followed by Paralympic Games.

THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US: FRED DUNN

by Dale Speirs

Fred Dunn joined the CPS in 1946 and was active until the 1960s. On 1957-10-04 he presented a 15-minute display on CHCT television about stamps. From 1954 to 1960 he organized annual dinners and private stamp shows for the CPS. He then staged a dealer bourse called the Calgary Postage Stamp Show on 1960-04-30, which was not a CPS function.

Dunn operated as Western Stamps, out of Box 400, and advertised in numerous American and British stamp magazines.. He was good at promoting himself, which brings us to an article about him in the 1946-11-06 issue of CALGARY ALBERTAN, page 9. Here is the transcription.

The Postal Department isn't exactly on relief now but it really would be riding in the parlor car on the gravy train if all the letters it handled bore the same amount of postage that decorated two large envelopes that arrived in Calgary Tuesday. They came by air from New Zealand and were addressed to Fred Dunn, Calgary stamp collector and dealer.

Each envelope was plastered, front and back, with 32 penny and two-penny stamps, 16 of each. In addition the stamps were engraved with penny and ha-penny tax markings, bring the postage value of each envelope to \$1.44 Canadian. Mr Dunn explained that New Zealand has issued special health stamps every year since 1929. They come out in two values and usually appear in October.

He estimated, on the basis of previous years, that about 4,000,000 pairs of them would be sold before their sale is discontinued around the middle of next January. The revenue from this extra tax goes into a special fund to provide health services for the children of New Zealand. The current stamps of the country are not taxed for this purpose.

The Calgary philatelist who, incidently, possesses the largest collection of George VI stamps in the North American continent (outside of the post office, that is), has every issue of New Zealand health stamps with the exception of the two that came out in 1931. He expects to acquire these shortly and complete the collection but they will cost him \$15 a set. That kind of money would keep the Lonely Hearts Club in postage over three courtin' seasons.

Someone in the back row has just asked (and a very sound question it is too) what is the object of a New Zealander sending a Canadian letters loaded with more stamps than an unemployment insurance book. To folk who turn the homestead upside down at regular intervals in search of a four-cent job the practice smacks of inflation.

Well, Mr Dunn deals in stamps. He buys them and he sells them. There is a Dunn correspondent in practically every country of the British Empire and when the powers that be in those far-off places pop up with a new stamp issue the Calgary dealer receives a healthy supply of the prize, both used and unused, in short order. In most cases the used or cancelled stamps are the most valuable, hence the decorated envelopes.

So next time you see the postman bearing an over-sized communication garnished like a workhouse pudding, don't conclude that somebody's private secretary has gone foggy in the crumplet and stripped the gears on the stamp machine. Ten to one a couple of ardent philatelists carrying on normal exchange procedure are responsible for the rainbow effect.



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At left: Part of the newspaper report about Dunn.

Below: The 1931 Smiling Boy stamps and at bottom the 1946 stamps which Dunn would have received on his mail.



TIS THE SEASON, TO MOW THAT IS

by Dale Speirs

I never water my lawn, which means that I can go a month at a time without mowing, from late July after the dry season kicks in and the grass slows down to a crawl. John Hotchner once wrote there are no stamps depicting lawnmowers and I don't doubt him.

There are stamps which depict lawns as incidental subjects, such as stamps honouring golf courses. I've had better luck with postmarks, as shown below. Lawn, Newfoundland, on the southern tip of the island, was said to have gotten the name from the lush green valley it is located in.



Lawn, Texas, was a puzzler. Googling historical accounts all produced the same information. There was an Old Lawn which moved when the railroad came through elsewhere. The inhabitants took over a hamlet named Jim Ned and called it New Lawn. The adjective was eventually dropped. The settlement is in desert country and the histories I read were mostly about the struggle to obtain water rights.



SEPTEMBER MEETING IS THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The September 4 meeting will be the AGM at which the executive are elected for the forthcoming season. If you are interested in serving the CPS in some capacity, please contact Murray Bialek at mbialek@shaw.ca or (403) 241-2006.

DAVE BARTLET APPOINTED TO NATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Dave Bartlet, who this summer was named Conventions Chairman of the British North America Philatelic Society. BNAPEX is a national-level convention which each year moves about Canada and USA. Dave succeeds Earle Covert from Lethbridge; both men are CPS members. Calgary has hosted several BNAPEXes, most recently in 2022.

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

August is a perfect time to prepare some new circuit books and sell your duplicate stamps! There is still a month to go before our September meeting and more than two months until CALTAPEX in October.

If you need some blank books, please give me a call (403-282-9726) and I can arrange to get you some. They are just \$1 each. I can also give you advice and instructions if you wish.

Right now there is primarily a demand for recent Canada used, but also for Newfoundland, U.S.A., and Great Britain. As well, British Commonwealth and Western Europe are popular. I hope to see you next month and keep on stamping!

TOPICS FOR THE STAMP LINE

by Dave Russum

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September 4 - Sports

October 2 - Calgary

November 6 - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day

December 4 - Christmas

Use your imagination to convert these topics into mini-exhibits. They must have a philatelic connection but can also include ephemera. Please put your exhibits in transparent page protectors and add your name on the back so they can be safely returned at take-down.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2024-2025

by Murray Bialek

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1. Preferably via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at mbialek@shaw.ca
2. By cheque made out to Calgary Philatelic Society and mailed to:
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Calgary, AB T3B 5K2
3. With cash at our next club meeting

CALTAPEX 2024 EXHIBITS

by Dave Russum

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We want to have as many varied exhibits as possible for CALTAPEX 2024 on October 19 and 20. Please refer to the Entry Form and Prospectus on the CPS website. Exhibits can be:

Competitive, requiring advance registration. Deadline is September 15. These will be judged. Note that successful competitive exhibiting requires following formal rules.

Non-Competitive exhibits are free, frame availability permitting. They need not follow rules since they will not be formally judged. They can be on any topic that you feel might be of interest to people attending the show.

All exhibits are eligible for People's Choice recognition. They can be a single page to 8+ frames (128 regular pages) on any appropriate topic. Topics of special interest for this show are: the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF, Sports and Calgary

Exhibits must have a philatelic component but can include other material related to the subject, provided it can fit in our frames or be exhibited on a table.

If you plan to exhibit, I would appreciate a note so we can get an idea of numbers, even if you are not yet ready to submit entry form. If you have questions or need advice, feel free to contact me.



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CLUB NEWS

The July bulletin was mailed on July 8 from the Brentwood London Drugs retail postal outlet. This RePO opened in the spring of 2024. The Christa Belcourt stamp, part of the Metis series, was used.

The 2022 January bulletin was mailed with a Brentwood postmark when the RePO was in a Hallmark Cards store, which has since closed. Both RePOs located in the Brentwood Shopping Plaza at Crowchild Trail NW and Charleswood Drive.

PUBLICATIONS BY CPS MEMBERS

Jim Taylor had a two-page spread in the July 16 CANADIAN STAMP NEWS about the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition, which had the bad luck to begin the same time as World War Two. Nonetheless there were many covers and stamps to collect.

Tony Doughty published an article in the July issue of EDMONTON STAMP CLUB BULLETIN in a series about perforations on modern Canadian stamps. If you haven't examined the perforation counts of recent stamps, you'll get a surprise when you compare measurements of all four sides.

Dale Speirs published the postal history of Lethbridge and adjacent villages in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #34, available as a free pdf from Academia.edu at: independent.academia.edu/DaleSpeirs

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2024

September	4	AGM - Kerby Centre
	4	Deadline for September bulletin
	4	Stamp Line theme - sports
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Deadline for CALTAPEX entries
	18	Auction - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
October	2	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	2	Deadline for October bulletin
	2	Stamp Line theme - Calgary stamps, postmarks, covers
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - Kerby Centre
	18	CALTAPEX set-up - 17h00 to 19h00
	19 to 20	CALTAPEX - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
November	6	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for November bulletin
	6	Stamp Line theme - Thanksgiving and Halloween
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	4	Christmas Social
	4	Stamp Line theme - Christmas
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

Vehicles in both Kerby parking 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.

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

BNAPS (Alberta Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets via Zoom on second Wednesdays. Contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets via Zoom on fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Russum at russumd@telusplanet.net

Junior Club meetings information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681.