



# The Nova Scotia Post

The Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club

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## UP and COMING

**September 10** Brunpex 2016  
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**September 13** Club Meeting,  
Annual Meeting, Auction

**Sept. 15** Friends of Philately

**September 16-18** Novapex 2016  
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**September 30-October 2**  
BNAPEX 2016 Fredericton, NB

**October 8** Moncton Stamp Fair

**October 11** Club Meeting

**October 20** Friends of Philately

**November 8** Club Meeting

**Nov. 12** Moncton Stamp Fair

**Nov. 17** Friends of Philately

**December 10** Moncton Stamp  
Fair

**December 13** Club Meeting

**Travelling?** Check out time and  
place of other shows at  
[www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html) or  
[www.csdaonline.com/shows](http://www.csdaonline.com/shows)

## Newsletter Material

The material for the newsletter has been rather thin as of late—contributing to our recent absence from the scene. Please, everyone, dig! There must be something of interest that you can write a couple of paragraphs or a story on. It is an easy task for us to fill many pages when there is a story at hand. Not so much when the editor must dig for the material himself. Thanks in advance.

## We're Back

by Marty Zelenietz

We are pleased to announce the return of the Nova Scotia Post after a year's absence from your mailbox or inbox. This also marks my return to the editorial desk of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, after a 30 year hiatus. So you are stuck with me, unless you want to volunteer and take over the job. I'll be working in conjunction with Jeff Parks: I'll handle the editorial content, and Jeff will continue with layout and production. Together, we'll try to bring you a monthly newsletter that keeps the club membership informed and up-to-date. Of course, we depend on the membership for supplying us with the information to disseminate: news of other clubs, feature articles, items of interest, and curious covers. We hope to include the title pages of award winning exhibits from Novapex 2016 as a regular feature this year. And speaking of Novapex, it is right around the corner: September 16 through 18 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. More on the show can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'm making a three year commitment to the newsletter. After that, it will be time for someone else to take over the helm. The Nova Scotia Stamp Club is a hobby organization, run by volunteers. All too often in volunteer organizations, a handful of people become saddled with the burden of keeping the organization alive. We are seeing that in the NSSC. And the people doing it are getting worn out. We need more volunteers, new faces to help carry the load and take over so that we have a bright future. What can YOU do for your Club?

The efforts of volunteers in our community organizations often goes unrecognized. Sometimes, though, the work that people do receives proper recognition. We want to congratulate our long-time members *Marilyn* and *Lloyd Melanson* on being awarded the *Sovereign's Medal For Volunteers* by the Governor General for over two decades of service to the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Well done!



## Changes are coming

The Nova Scotia Post will now be available only in electronic format, with two exceptions: 1, those members for whom we have no email address will still receive hard copy via Canada Post; 2, those members who email me at [zelen@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:zelen@ns.sympatico.ca) and specifically request to continue receiving a hard copy via Canada Post.

No one has stepped forward to be President of the NSSC for 2016-17. This is an awkward situation. If no one offers their name for the Presidency at the September Annual General Meeting, the Executive has proposed that it will operate on an Executive Committee model for the coming year. So now is the time to put your name in the hat, and become President of the Club. You will have a strong Executive to help you along.

For a variety of reasons, the current Executive has

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considered returning to a Spring Novapex for the Club. We will discuss the pros and cons of the issue at the September AGM. And we'll have to make a prompt decision if we are to have a 2017 show.

### Moncton Stamp Fairs

The Moncton Stamp Fair is located at the Royal Canadian Legion, 100 Veterans Avenue Moncton on the Second Saturday of the month. The Fundy Stamp club will hold a Silent auction between 10 am and 1 pm and a Live Auction at 1:20 pm. Fundy Club Members may present stamp lots for the auctions.

### Membership

**DUES.** Yes it is that time of the year again. Do not send dues to the New member address.

Dues are payable to:

### Nova Scotia Stamp Club

c/o Marilyn Melanson, Treasurer  
28 Birch St Halifax, NS B3N 2V1

### Nova Scotia Stamp Club Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club  
102 Birch Bear Run  
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8  
[webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

**Membership renewals** are sent to  
NS Stamp Club c/o Marilyn Melanson  
28 Birch St Halifax, NS B3N 2V1

# NOVA PEX 2016

Novapex 2016, our National Level show, is almost here. We have over 100 frames of exhibits (thanks to all those who are exhibiting - see Page 4) and more than 10 dealers. Here is the quick info you need

**What:** Novapex 2016

**When:** September 16 to 18

**Where:** Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth  
Ample free parking

### Schedule:

#### Fri Sep 16

8 am - 12 pm Exhibit and Bourse setup  
12 pm - 2 pm Exhibit Registration  
2 pm - 9 pm Exhibition and Bourse Open / Meetings, Seminars

#### Sat Sept 17

9 am - 5pm Exhibition and Bourse Open / Meetings, Seminars  
7 pm Awards Banquet

#### Sun Sept 18

9 am - 3 pm Exhibition and Bourse Open  
Judges Critique, Meetings, Seminars  
3 pm - 4 pm Exhibit take down

We'll need some volunteers for the set-up and take down, and to staff the registration, club sales and youth tables. You can sign up for these at the September meeting, or by contacting Guy Jeffery, this year's show chair.

The theme of this year's show is Rural Mail Delivery. Hugh Rathbun has prepared stamps and covers on the theme, and they will be available for purchase at the show.

The banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Harbourview and Conference Centre, 101 Wyse Road Dartmouth on Saturday 17 September. The Inn has a special room rate of \$130 for the stamp show and is directly across the road from the Dartmouth Sportsplex where the show is being held. The banquet starts with a meet and greet at 6 pm followed by the meal at 7 pm. There will be a cash bar available. Awards will be awarded during the meal.

The banquet will consist of a buffet. The main course will be salmon and chicken. Soup, salad, vegetables, rolls, and dessert or cheese with tea and coffee is included. The Holiday Inn will prepare a special plate for anyone who has unique dietary requirements. The price of the meal is \$55.00 per person, gratuity and taxes included. Please notify Guy Jeffery at [guyjeffery5@gmail.com](mailto:guyjeffery5@gmail.com) to purchase your tickets and state any unique dietary requirements. The meal tickets will be available at the stamp show.

Please take this opportunity and contact Guy to arrange to participate in this social activity where we can relax and enjoy a good meal in the company of our fellow philatelists.



## Modern Blank Cancellation

by Michel Peach

Among the many covers amassed by the late Dave Cooper, I found the cover shown. The window envelope is from BT (British Telecom) and has a blank date stamp, 12.5.94. Window envelopes are often used for sending bills to customers. The date stamp was applied by BT, rather than the Post Office. As the postage paid indicator is undated, the date was applied so that the customer knew when the bill was mailed and could not use the old chestnut of delays in the mail for late payment. Similar date stamps are used by several organizations and were pioneered by BT in 1982.



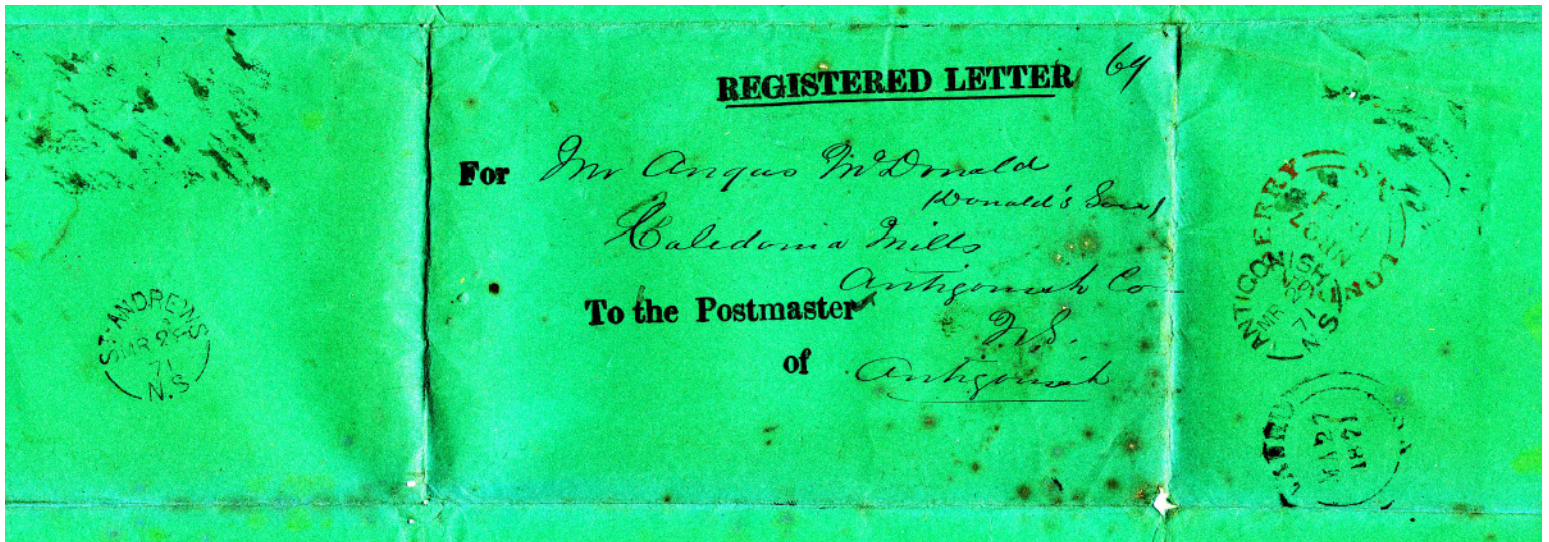
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## Registered Letter Wrappers

by Jack Forbes

These are specially printed, of varying colours, folded letter sheets, and in the early years of registration, were used to "wrap" registered letters and provide documentation confirming the letter's receipt by the intended addressee. According to David Handelman in a Frajola posting, it is highly unlikely that they were used for every mailing, as such items are quite scarce. It's uncertain what criteria were used to determine which letters received this treatment. The illustrated cover was sent from Londonderry, N. S. on March 27, 1871, and, as evidenced by the various postmarks, traveled through Truro, N. S. the same day, and Antigonish on the 28th, which was the date of arrival at St. Andrew's, N. S., the nearest post office to Caledonia Mills.

The regulations listed on the inside of this item were not strictly followed, as there were no postmarks applied to that portion of the cover.



## EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITS AT NOVAPEX 2016

|                     |  |                  |   |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---|
| John Hall           | War Tax and the Post Office                                  | James McCorry    | The 100 Year History of the Royal Canadian Navy, as Found on Postage Stamps                     |
| John Hall           | Masterpieces of Canadian Art Stamps                          | Michael Peach    | British Postal Stationery Cut-outs- Queen Elizabeth   |
| John Hall           | The Story of the Titanic                                     | Jeff Parks       | Illustrated Business Mail - Clayton & Sons, Halifax, NS 1882-1951                               |
| Cheryl Grantham     | Road to Rio  | Guy Jeffery      | Numeral 236 Postal Markings   |
| Elizabeth Sodero    | A Survey of "Blue" Admiral Usage                             | Guy Jeffery      | Montreal Street Cancels in the Small Queen Era  |
| J-Jacques Tillard   | St. Pierre et Miquelon, le 20 F. "Montange et Arbes" de 1947 | Keith Mackay     | The 'Streets' of Halifax: Gottingen and Morris Street Post Offices 1894-1903                    |
| J-Jacques Tillard   | St. Pierre et Miquelon, ses Surcharges au 19e Siecle         | David Nickson    | Australia- King George V Side Faced Surface Printed Issues 1914-1937                            |
| Matthew Gaiser      | The NHL All-Stars  | Jack Forbes      | The Squared Circle Cancels of Bradford, Yorkshire, England                                      |
| Michael Mather      | London Cancels Development during the Victorian Period       | Jack Forbes      | Usages of The Squared Circle Cancels of Cyprus  |
| Gary Steele         | Canadian Dead Letter Office Handstamps                       | Jack Forbes      | Cyprus- King George VI Definitives Used on Surface Mail   |
| Sylvia Ficken       | Cod, Seal, Ships, Ice and Salmon                             | Jack Forbes      | Cyprus- Air Mail Usages Paid with King George VI Definitives                                    |
| Sylvia Ficken       | Dogs on Newfoundland Postal and Revenue Material, 1887-1942  | Francois Brisse  | Bordeaux, 150 Years of Postal History   |
| Sylvia Ficken       | Caribou on Newfoundland Postal Material, 1897-1942           | Guy Jeffery      | Toronto Fancy Cancels in the Small Queen Era  |
| Doreen Fitzgerald   | World War I- Messages Home in Silk                           | Keith MacKay     | Halifax Buildings Illustrated on Victoria and Edward Advertising Covers                         |
| Brainard Fitzgerald | Exhibiting Choices for the 1939 Royal Visit                  | Sean Weatherup   | The Railway Post Office Halifax to Yarmouth   |
|                     |  | Sean Weatherup   | The Short Line and Railway Post Office  |
|                     |  | Rob Lunn         | The Canadian 1898 Imperial Penny Postage Stamp: A Rate Change Study                             |
|                     |  | Graham McCleave  | Straightline Cancels in Early New Brunswick   |
|                     |  | Ron Smith        | Letters, Initials and Place-name Cancels in the Small Queen Era                                 |
|                     |  | Ron Smith        | Star Cancels in the Small Queen Era   |
|                     |  | Ron Smith        | Identifying Fakes, Forgeries and Spurious Cancels on Stamps and Covers from the Small Queen Era |
|                     |  | Daniel Michaud   | The Use of Semi-Official Airmail Stamps from 1924-1934  |
|                     |  | Graham Forbes    | British Military Post Offices of the 2nd Boer War   |
|                     |  | J-Claude Michaud | Newfoundland Postage Due Usages   |
|                     |  | Carl Munden      | Cape Breton in Lieu of Nova Scotia  |
|                     |  | John Hall        | Gasoline Rationing on the Home Front  |



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**!!ATTENTION!!**  
**STAMP ENTHUSIASTS**

# BRUNPEX 2016

\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION\*\*\*\*

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FREE ADMISSION

**DATE:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

**TIME:** 10 AM TO 4 PM

**PLACE:** \*\*\*\* DAN BOHAN FAMILY CENTER\*\*\*\*  
5 FATIMA DRIVE  
RIVERVIEW, NB

**ACTIVITIES:** DEALER BOURSE & AUCTION