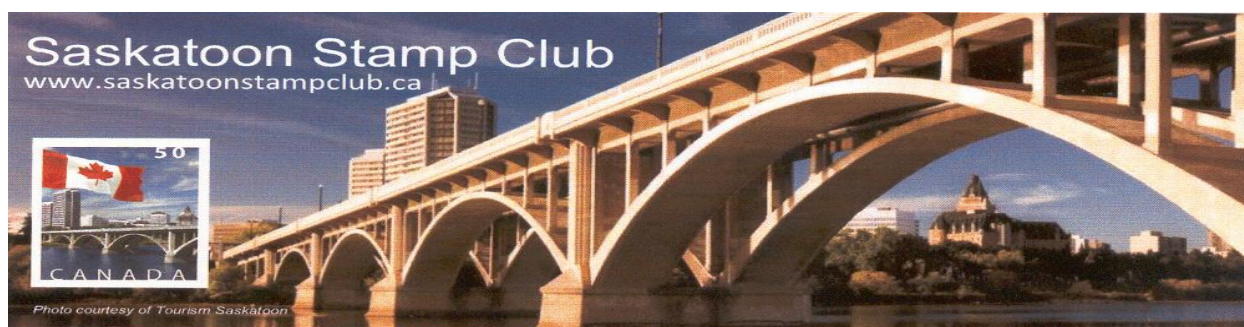


**SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
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**EXECUTIVE:**

President - Ernie Wlock; Past-President - Martin Schofield; Vice President – Dave Rumpel; Secretary - Douglas Smith; Treasurer - Janice Newman; Program Co-Ordinator – Janice Newman; Librarian - Peter Sakkit; Circuit Book Coordinator - Donald Waters; Webmaster - Jim Wood; Newsletter Editor- Martin Schofield; e-mail: [mschofield@sasktel.net](mailto:mschofield@sasktel.net); Telephone: 306-652-8137; Assistant Editor – Mark Reineke.☺

**MEETING PLACE:**

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of each month except July and August when we meet at mid-month. Meetings are held at St. John's Anglican Cathedral Hall, 816 Spadina Crescent East and are open to the general public. Doors open at 6:00 pm for bourse, circuit books, trading and fellowship. Short business meeting at 8:00 pm followed by a program including Stamp Auctions, Slides, Presentations by members or guests, Draws and Door Prizes. Contacts - Secretary - Doug Smith, 139 Cowley Road, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 3Z6. 306-249-3092 or President - Ernie Wlock, 306-280-1244. Membership fees are \$15.00 per year.☺

**PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP:**

The Stamp Club Philatelic Java Group can meet for a coffee and discuss stamps, when members decide.☺

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## **PRESIDENT'S PHILATELIC PAGE**

This is the last newsletter to you as club president, as most members now know I have decided to step down. During two different terms I was 8 years your president. During my term in office much was accomplished and changed, thanks for your assistance in making the changes happen.

My major accomplishment is the updating of our constitution which took over 13 months and 11 drafts before it was approved, a number of updates have also been added to keep up with changes in our hobby. We can add many items we did: 50th anniversary, Life membership criteria, found new meeting rooms, have quizzes, games such as deal or no deal, spin n win.. made for new members a welcome package, guest speakers receive a framed picture of the Broadway bridge which is our recent club logo. Our club website allows people to contact us, and many small collections are donated to our club.

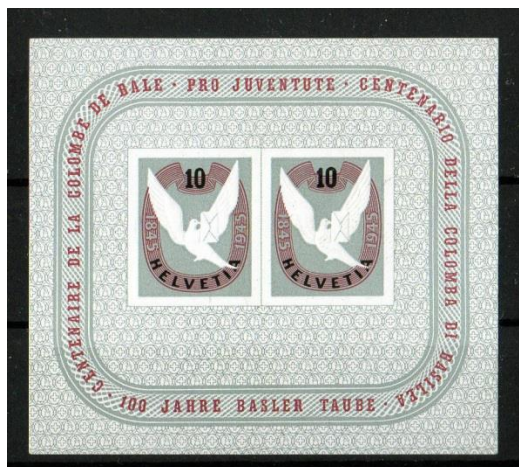
I am making the lots for auction and will continue in this field, also working with the Riverside Optimist Club grade 4 color your picture program.

Receiving the club's life membership award was a pleasant surprise. Then followed by a call from the Royal Philatelic Society asking for my name to stand as a director. I am now serving my second two year term.

I'll still be active on a few committee groups, so you will still hear from me. Now I hope to find time to write a few more articles. I was pleasantly surprised when one story made the cover of the Canadian Philatelist magazine and the Saturday Evening Post used my King George V article. It has been an exciting and wonderful 8 years, thanks to all that assisted.

## **2017 Stamp Club Membership**

**If you have not renewed your club membership, we are now accepting your membership dues for 2017.**



### LOST, Missing or Stolen:

One of our members has reported lost, missing or stolen a folder containing approximately 70 (mainly Canadian) souvenir sheets. Included in the folder were five identical Switzerland souvenir sheets, Scott Cat. B144 (Dove of Basel) valued at \$70 each. One Switzerland souvenir sheet had a personal note 'I hope you enjoy' written on the selvage. If you know anything about this folder please contact the editor or club secretary.

### Editor's Comments

We still need articles of interest from club members to fill our pages. We try our best but I think we can do better by have everyone contribute a little bit each year. Tell me what you would like to see in our newsletter, or what you don't like to see. I am always open to suggestions. Ernie is stepping down as president this year and Cliff is also stepping down as the chairman of the Coin and Stamp Show. If you think our hobby is slowly fading away, ask yourself, 'What am I doing to keep the hobby alive?' I personally have enjoyed the hobby since I was eight years old and

joined the Saskatoon Stamp Club in 1978, almost 40 years ago. I have held almost every position on the executive because I like the hobby, I like the fellowship, I like the coffee and I like to get out and meet others with the same interests. We don't have much room in our show to showcase our hobby, but you do have a newsletter where you can show a little bit of what you have, that others may enjoy seeing and discovering. Give a little, it may just keep the hobby around for a long time. Did you know, with the internet we are quickly losing all our archival material for our children. What will they have to remember us by? Have you sent them a post card lately?

**2017**  
**Meeting dates:**  
**Jan 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mar 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Apr 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Jun 13<sup>th</sup>**



After serving 25 years as a Director in various positions Ernie is resigning as President and has written this poem covering his term in office.



Ernie passing the gavel to Dave Rumpel

### **PASSING THE GAVEL**

By: Ernie Wlock

I joined the Saskatoon Stamp Club in 1991,  
That is when "stamping" became more fun.  
Six months later the Secretary chair came vacant,  
The Club asked me if I would "take it".  
Fred was President and to keep him in line,  
It took up most of my spare time.  
All went well then came the V.P. chair,  
I was in Dundurn selling gas, I let five years pass.  
In 2005 I took the Presidents chair until I left,  
But came back in 2012, as my wife had "Passed" ...  
Again the President I became,  
Until this year, as I am now giving up my Reign.

*On behalf of the  
Saskatoon Stamp Club  
I want to thank Ernie  
for his great  
achievements while  
serving on the  
Executive and Club  
President. Your love  
and dedication to the  
Club and Hobby is  
greatly admired and  
appreciated.*

*How would your collection look if we didn't have a club?  
Your Club needs your help.  
Your input is important to keep your club and your newsletter a  
viable entity. Elections are coming up soon and another  
newsletter will be published. Think about how you can help,  
send us an item of interest, tell us about your collection.  
Every little bit helps!*

## ASUNCION, PARAGUAY TO ROSTHERN, SASK



Here is an interesting Registered Cover that was mailed from Asuncion, Paraguay to Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Although there is no stamp attached, the cover still has historical interest. From the postmarks one can easily follow the route the cover travelled. It was received in the post office in Paraguay on 20 Jul 1950. A second Aeropostal postmark in Paraguay 25 Jul 1950 reveals to us that the letter

was airmailed to Montreal. It was received in Montreal on 29 Jul 50 and was postmarked Montreal A.M.F. and sent by airmail again to Winnipeg. Winnipeg hammer 30 VII 50. The cover was then sent by airmail from Winnipeg to Saskatoon, where it was again postmarked Saskatoon VII 30. The letter was then sent by rail postmarked Sask&P.A.R.P.O. Saskatoon and Prince Albert Railway Post Office VII 31 50, No.1. The letter arrived in Rosthern, Sask its final destination 11 days later on 31 Jul 50 in the AM.





This Postcard was post marked, Edmonton Dec 8, 1933. See postmark on page 3 with Mail Early Logo.

Card compliments of Jim Miller of Edmonton, AB.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous Year 2017.