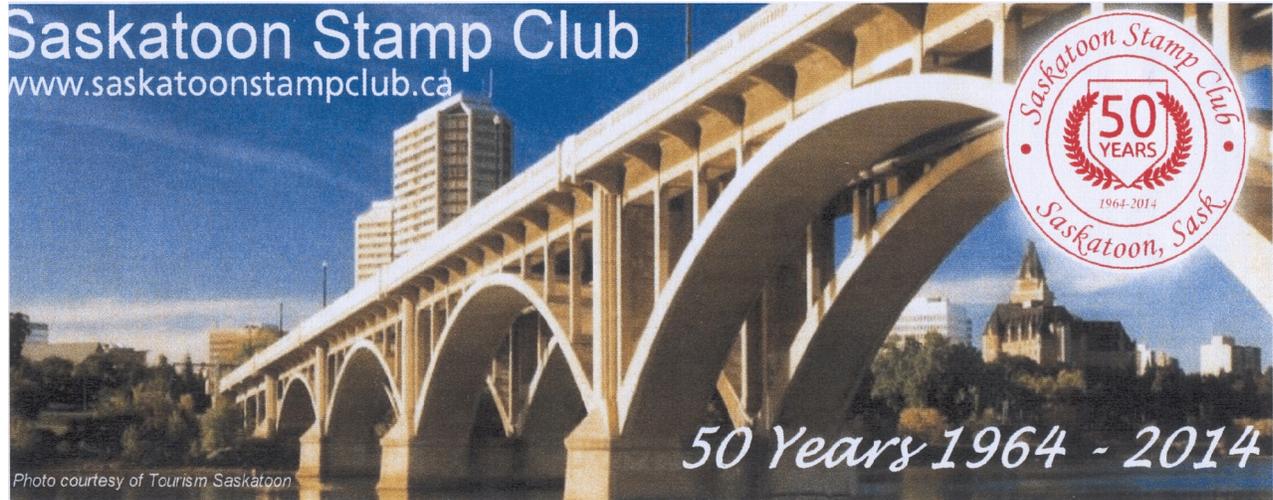


**SASKATOON STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
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**SSC NEW MEETING PLACE:**

All meetings are on **Tuesday** nights, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at ST.JOHN'S ANGLICAN  
CATHEDRAL HALL, 816 SPADINA CRESCENT EAST, SASKATOON, SK

**PHILATELIC JAVA GROUP MEETINGS:** The Philatelic Java Club meets over coffee in the  
Market Mall Food Court, usually every two weeks on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00a.m.

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## President's Philatelic Page



Hello to all members. Despite the windy and cold winter we are experiencing member attendance at meetings are good.

Thanks to all who brave the cold, but enough on that.

**Western Development Museum** - On Sunday February 2, 2014 the museum held the annual Historic Days event. which was very successful with over 1700 people passing through the doors. Of these about 600 were youth and just under 500 stopped at our information table as we had 500 packets of stamps to be passed out, only a few remain.. Club

Members that worked the information table were kept busy passing out cachet envelopes and a few other item we prepared for this event.

We had a number of people that once were collectors and wanted to donate their collection. We have since received two donations.

We were surprised to hear from many that they never knew a stamp club existed in Saskatoon. This event was successful for both the museum and our club.

**50th Anniversary Social** - After four months of phone calls and e-mails our club held a 50 birthday celebration which also included spouses,

friends and a few invited guests. This event adds another chapter to our club history books.

The program started off with the secretary reading the minutes of the very first meeting held February 6, 1964. The President then gave an opening address followed by members reading letters of congratulations from Dealers, Members and others which included George Pepall, President of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Jim Phillips, Director, Stamp Services, Ottawa.

The highlight of the night was the awarding two Founding Members with a Certificate for 50 years dedicated service to he club. One member, the first President Arie VanDuyvendyk is wintering in the sunny south. Member Allan Robb and Harry Voss received the award and were surprised with a cake decorated with a picture of them on it.

A number of door prizes were drawn for and our thanks to Canada Post who gave us a nice donation of philatelic items for prizes.

After the short program of awards, speeches, and door prizes a light lunch was held including cutting of a second cake with the Broadway Bridge picture decorated on it.

A very good start for our Anniversary Year.

President,

Ernie



## INDIA USED IN BURMA:

Many of you know that I'm collecting almost everything related to Burmese philately. A bit 'too exotic' seems to be the common feeling amongst you. But there is so much more to it than this mere word 'Burma' suggests.

Burma became postally autonomous in 1937. Until then stamps from India were used like in so many other parts of the British Empire. I often wonder why the Brits did not issue stamps for some of their areas, like for example, apart from Burma, in the Gulf States, or in Trinidad Tobago which was really far away from India, or elsewhere. Anyway, in 1937 the first Burmese stamps appeared. The postal administration had not much phantasy, so they just overprinted the King Edward VII definitives of India with the word 'Burma'. They were used for a few months, and then in 1938 the first real Burmese stamps were issued, depicting King George VI (isn't it funny that Edward VIII never made it on to a stamp?). So, actually, the history of Burmese philately should start in 1937. But this is not so, as Indian stamps were used before that.

Starting in the 1850s with the Queen Victoria issues, to my knowledge, all stamps of India were to some extent also used in Burma, as well as all the postal stationery envelopes and postcards. The only way to know if these Indian stamps or stationeries were used there is the postmark on them. In the beginning numerals were indicating the location, for example in the diamond or Bengal Octagon postmarks it was '156' for Rangoon. Later on duplex postmarks were used with the town name on one side and a numeral on the other side, like Akyab and its numeral '5', the numerals were then replaced by the letter R (Burma Circle, Rangoon) followed by a number, indicating from which Burmese town it came. Then the common circular postmark with town name and date came into use. But which towns now are in Burma and which ones in India? One indicator which helps placing the postmark is that Burmese names sound different and often have a particular way of spelling. Another one is that you need to know your geography. and it is quite challenging to find these postmarks.

Probably not more than 5 - 10 % of the Indian stamps were used in Burma. Many values even less than that. Prices are the same for them if the seller does not know that the stamp has a Burmese postmark. Even if its known they are still not overly high in price except some of them which easily can go for a few times the catalog price. These are the ones from smaller outlying stations with very exotic names. The mail volume there was perhaps not very large which makes these postmarks very rare and attractive.

I'm trying to get each Indian stamp with a Burmese postmark. But I'm far from being complete. Rangoon or Mandalay cancellations are generally more easy to find, but try a Shwebo one, or one from Pyapon, or one from Victoria Point!

Below a few stamps with Burmese postmarks (Ahlone/Rangoon, Mupun, Moulmein, Rangoon/Burma Circle) in the upper row, and with Indian cancellations (Saklaspur, Golden Temple, Bombay, 95 (I cannot figure where this belongs to) in the bottom one.

Submitted by Jurgen Stowasser



*From our treasurer: Just a friendly reminder, if you have not paid, that your 2014 Membership Fees are now due.*

## SASKATCHEWAN ON STAMPS



Issued August 2, 2005 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saskatchewan's entry into Confederation. Stamp design shows a young lady, sunflowers and the Legislature buildings.

Issued March 16, 2004 - governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn was a lawyer and politician before being appointed governor General in 1990. He is known for re-opening the grounds of Rideau Hall to the public.



Issued February 18, 1998 - Premier of Saskatchewan and Father of Medicare. Tommy Douglas was Premier of Saskatchewan for 17 years. He had helped form the C.C.F. party, then became federal leader of the N.D.P.

Issued November 19, 1976 - The Northcote acted as a Canadian gunboat and hospital during the Saskatchewan Rebellion. She was beached at Cumberland House after losing her smoke stack in the Battle of Batoche.



Issued January 19, 1966 - The Prairie Lily is the Provincial Flower for Saskatchewan. At one time the Lilies grew wild along country roads and railway beds.

Issued April 22, 1994 - The Saskatoon Berry in the early west days was used in the making of pemmican along with Buffalo meat and fat to last through the long winters. The Saskatoon Berries are ideal for jam, jellies, pies, muffins and pancakes.



Issued April 7, 2006 - Painting by Dorothy Knowles, "The Field of Rapeseed" known as Canola which one use is cooking oil and margarine, Knowles was born in Unity, Saskatchewan.

SASKATCHEWAN ON STAMPS Continued



Court House, Yorkton  
fine architectural style



University of Saskatchewan  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 4/3/2007



Home of the RCMP  
Stamp on stamp



South Saskatchewan River  
flows 1928 kms across the  
prairies through Saskatoon.



Battleford Post Office  
opened in 1913  
Still in operation today.



Gabriel Dumont - Issued May 6, 1985  
on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Northwest Rebellion.



Louis Riel - Issued June 19, 1970  
to honour the Metis Leader of the  
Red River & Northwest Rebellion.

It is with regret that we inform you on the passing of our Life Member - Fred Meyers-

Fred was member # 207, he was club President 1994 -1995 -2000 - 2008.

Fred held the Vice-President chair 2002 to and including 2008.

On August 13, 2007 Fred became a Life Member, he was always a willing helper from being a show Judge to assist in helping out at the stamp shows. If we were short of exhibits Fred could always help out by bringing one to the show.

We loose a friend and member today, Fred will be sadly missed.

Sympathy to his wife Eileen & Family



**Our member Mel Byblow, on left, is shown receiving Life Member award from President Ernie Wlock.**

**FROM THE ARCHIVES:** Coin & Stamp Show tickets with Advertisers and Door Prizes shown on reverse.

<p>NAME.....</p> <p>ADDRESS.....</p> <p>PHONE.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nº 643</b></p>	<p>8th ANNUAL SASKATOON COIN &amp; STAMP SHOW OCTOBER 4 and 5, 1969 Nº 643 ANNUAL</p>
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<p>1st — 1967 Gold Pres. Set 2nd — 1967 Pres. Set (less gold) 3rd — Mint Stamps</p> <p><b>SASKATOON COIN &amp; STAMP SHOW</b> October 3 and 4, 1970 Battleford Room, Bessborough Hotel Saskatoon</p> <p><b>ADMISSION FIFTY CENTS</b></p>	<p>1st - Sprinter 10-speed Bike 2nd - 20 - 1972 Dollars 3rd - 10 - 1972 Dollars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Coins and Stamps Bought and Sold</li> <li>* Complete Line of Supplies</li> <li>* Appraisals</li> </ul> <p>220A - 23rd ST. EAST SASKATOON - 242-4611</p>
<p>Saskatoon's Newest Coin &amp; Stamp Shop</p> <p>WE BUY AND SELL OLD COINS AND STAMPS</p> <p><b>MORRIS'S COIN &amp; STAMP SHOP</b> 221 - 20th St. W. SASKATOON 653-5272</p> <p><b>SATURDAY 12:00 TO 10:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY 12:00 TO 6:00 P.M.</b></p> <p>1st — RECORDER 2nd — \$20.00 CREDIT NOTE 3rd — \$20.00 CREDIT NOTE</p>	<p><b>SASKATOON COIN &amp; STAMP CENTRE</b> Saskatchewan's Largest Saskatoon's First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ COINS &amp; STAMPS BOUGHT AND SOLD</li> <li>★ COMPLETE LINE OF SUPPLIES</li> <li>★ ESTATE APPRAISALS</li> </ul> <p>222 Third Ave. South SASKATOON 242-4611</p> <p><b>DOOR PRIZES</b></p> <p>1st — Panasonic Cassette Recorder RQ203 The Oakwood</p> <p>2nd — \$20.00 Credit Note Saskatoon Coin &amp; Stamp Shop</p> <p>3rd — \$20.00 Credit Note Morris's Coin &amp; Stamp Shop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCT 02</p>