



**ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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President's Report 2022 Jun -2023 Jun

As my term straddled over 2 years, so I will provide a report on all 12 months.

If you have read our financial report from our Treasurer, John Sharp, you will see that we have been running on a bare-bones mode where the priority is on the creation, production and delivery of TCP plus what the minimum is necessary for maintaining the most needed services to members, while trying to maintain a balanced budget. The black cloud, which is still hanging over us, is the reduction of the government grant for TCP. The full impact has not materialised fully this year because of Covid. But make no mistake that it will come and yet we still do not know the full extend of this cut.

But it did not stop us on embarking on RPSC's first publication project, ***Let's Talk Exhibiting***, by past RPSC director David Piercey. The book was launched at CAPEX. Currently, about 2/3 of these printed have been sold. It was our past president, Ed Kroft, that should be commended for his insightfulness that this project became a reality.

The French edition, ***Parlons Expositions***, was launched at Orapex on May 6, 2023. RPSC director, Gregoire Teyssier and his team of volunteer translators, should be thanked for this stellar effort in making this version becoming a reality. This is also the first joint project between RPSC and FQP (Fédération québécoise de philatélie). It is hope that this is the start of many more joint project with FQP.

Just to add, it is from the generosity of the advertisers, that we were able to print both versions for virtually no cost to RPSC. We thank our fellow societies, dealers and auctioneers for their support. We thank Trajan Publishing for their marketing and for delivery fulfillment to our customers.

I have started the President's Advisory Council of New Collectors even before I took up the presidency at CAPEX. The members of this Advisory Council have many questions for RPSC. One of which was, does RPSC knows what its members want? They proposed a membership survey, which was what we had wanted to do for quite sometime, but as we have no expertise in doing so, it was never attempted. The survey was launched in 2023 and for the first time in RPSC history, we now have a fairly good idea what is important to our members, as we have close to a 40% response rate to the survey. Without the expertise of Advisory Council members, Jeff Slein and Selene Tang, we would not have been able to execute this survey and then to interpret the results and to act on it.

I asked Lisa Tam to be the convenor of the Advisory Council. It is because of her intelligence and effort that we have attracted these young, but dedicated members, to the Advisory Council. Lisa also suggested, and then approached the companies involved, so RPSC can get the free use of some software, as well as a hefty advertising budget from Goggle, with our not-for-profit status. This will help our future development.

I will still stay on the Advisory Council until the president-elect takes over.

Lisa Tam, with director Jane Sodero, are also running both our Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel each month and thanks to this, RPSC has a continuous reach to our members nationwide and even beyond. We thank all who have participated in these events for your support. We welcome anyone who wants to volunteer and participate in this program. Please contact Lisa or Jane.

On our attempt to get younger RPSC members and even directors, it is easily said than done. Professor David Foot, an economist who is an expert in demographics and author of the book, *Boom, Bust and*

Echo, whom I had asked to be a consultant when the survey results were discussed, commented that our membership age distribution was as he had expected, as the younger collectors who has the stress of work and a young family, will not have the time to attend to his/her hobby. But still, we will not stop trying to recruit these younger philatelists.

I have also been actively seeking women philatelist as board members. I have finally been able to convince Michele Cartier to return to our board. Another female member from the Advisory Council has also agreed to join our board in 2024. A third, whom I have approached for over 2+ years decided against joining the board at this time. It is not from a lack of trying that I have tried to add diversity to our board.

What has resulted from the survey is a requirement to address the concerns and needs from new and intermediate collecting members of RPSC. Director Joe Trauzzi will spearhead the campaign to create YouTube videos to address these needs in terms of training and how-to topics. Other action plans will be executed by the new board to address our findings from the survey.

Historically, RPSC has never made an organised effort and reached out to our members to ask for donations. However, members have been very generous this year as our donations had a significant increase in the past year, particularly with donations earmarked for the continuous running of Stamp Talk and Stamp Panel, where Sparks Auctions has been providing major funding for these events. We thank Sparks Auctions for their continuous support. Please continue your support to RPSC by sending in your donations and letting us know what areas of activities you want your donations to support.

In closing, I want to end with a plea. RPSC wants and needs volunteers. Since I came on the board, for shows that I could go to, I asked the organizers to give us a table so we could recruit as well as to show our presence. Unfortunately, no volunteers came forward. This is but one area. Our committees are understaffed and outdated, we need to revamp these committees and add new members. With my short tenure, it was unwise for me to start. We need you to volunteer when the president-elect does this reorganization. Please volunteer and help RPSC to stay relevant.

Dr. Sam Chiu, FRPSC
President, RPSC

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada financial report for the year ended December 31, 2022. A copy of the 2022 financial statements is available on the Royal website.

Our membership fees collected was down from 2021, and are continuing to drop in 2023. Sponsorship revenue relates primarily to the publication of the Let's Talk Exhibiting book, in both languages, and may not repeat unless similar projects are undertaken. Also included in our sponsorship revenue is Spark's Auctions annual contribution to our Stamp Talks and Stamp Panel program. The increase in donations was due to a \$5,000 bequest we received.

Book sales and cost of sales show the direct revenue and costs of the English edition of the book. The directors have valued the remaining copies of the English edition at zero, resulting in the inventory write-down of \$4,468. Future sales of the English books will result in 100% profit, less distribution costs. The French book was still in production at year end and its costs incurred are shown as inventory on the balance sheet

Our other expenses for the year were constant with the prior year. Exhibition costs relate to the expenses incurred at CAPEX 2022 in Toronto.

Heading into 2023, the organization continues to be in a strong financial position with \$101,000 in cash and GIC's, compared to \$84,000 at the end of last year.

Thanks to Robin Harris for maintaining our membership data base and issuing renewals for all who have email addresses and to Lee Ann Stewart for making deposits and all of the other duties related to membership, finances and keeping the office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted

John Sharp, CPA, CA
Treasurer

2022-2023 Annual Report – Chapter Relations Study Group (CRSG)

The CRSG was formed in 2022 to study the way in which the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada interacts with its Clubs. The goal of the CRSG's work is to develop ways in which the National Organization can better serve and support our affiliates and clubs.

1. The initial work of the CRSG came in the form of a questionnaire, which was sent to all Club Presidents. The questionnaire focused on the relationship between the RPSC and its affiliates/clubs. Responses were received from 40 clubs, which totalled 1,100 members, only 140 (9%) of which were members of the RPSC.

Benefits of club membership included:

- Insurance for clubs – 95%
- Exposure to other groups and clubs – 30%
- Ability to exhibit in national exhibits – 12%
- Circuit books – 6%

Negatives were seen as:

- The RPSC is too serious and only caters to serious philatelists.
- There is too much emphasis on exhibiting.
- Because of the size of Canada, there is little connection between the far-flung clubs and the National Office in Toronto.

Suggestions received included:

- Facilitating Zoom meetings to allow clubs to share ideas with each other.
- Study Groups, which are run by members and cater to specific interests.
- The modernization and return of the slide show program.
- Developing regional circuit books.
- Lowering the cost of a digital membership.

2. Action items:

- The development of new materials to support beginning and intermediate collectors. These include items in the TCP and on the website.
- Develop regular Zoom meetings for club leaders to allow them to discuss issues and gather inspiration.
- The development of a glossary/ dictionary of philatelic terms to assist beginning collectors.
- The development of video content to support beginning and intermediate collectors.

3. Executed items:

- The first Club Leader Zoom meeting was held on May 31 at 7 PM. Our guest speaker was Sid Mensinga, President of The West Toronto Stamp Club, who shared strategies that have worked to facilitate the WTSC's remarkable growth. A general discussion followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gregg Redner
Vice President – Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Chair – Chapter Relations Study Group

Rapport annuel du Comité de francisation

Cette année, presque toute l'énergie du Comité de francisation a été mise à traduire et produire de la version française du livre de David Piercey, « Parlons expositions ». Cette tâche a été énorme et je tiens à remercier particulièrement en premier lieu Nathalie Favreau, Alain Bossard et Cimon Morin pour le temps qu'ils ont fourni à traduire bénévolement les textes qui ne l'avaient pas été.

Merci aussi à David Piercey, Ed Kroft (notre ancien président) et à Sam Chiu, ce dernier n'ayant pas ménagé ses efforts pour faire de ce projet une réalité. Sam a de plus sollicité les annonceurs. Sans lui, la version française n'aurait tout bonnement pas vu le jour. Un gros merci aussi à nos amis annonceurs dont le support financier a été essentiel.

Je suis aussi heureux que la production de cette version française ait permis un tout nouveau partenariat avec la Fédération Québécoise de Philatélie. Souhaitons que la relation entre nos deux entités prospère dans le futur. Ce sera bon pour la philatélie en général et en particulier pour la philatélie francophone au Canada.

Notre Comité de francisation s'est également attelé à la tâche de traduire les *Newsletters* (Infolettres) de notre président que les membres reçoivent régulièrement.

Un gros merci aussi à notre directrice, Jane Sodero, une véritable francophile, pour ses publications sur Facebook qu'elle tente de traduire le plus possible. Merci aussi pour son initiative de réaliser des Forums (Stamp Talks) en français.

Je suis heureux et fier de constater que tous les directeurs (trices) de la SRPC reconnaissent et comprennent l'importance de donner plus de place au Français au sein de notre société nationale. Je tiens ici à tous les remercier pour leur ouverture d'esprit, et en particulier notre président, Sam Chiu, qui a été d'un support exceptionnel.

Maintenant, nous avons encore beaucoup de travail sur la planche. À court terme et en priorité : traduire entièrement notre site Web. Nous aurons vraiment besoin d'aide bénévole car ce vaste chantier ne se fera pas tout seul...

Un appel à tous : Si nous, membres francophones à travers le Canada souhaitons vraiment plus de service et de lecture en français, il n'en tient qu'à nous. Nous avons besoin de bénévoles pour nous aider à traduire davantage, mais aussi à publier en français dans *Le philatéliste canadien / The Canadian Philatelist* davantage de textes en français (le but n'étant pas de traduire systématiquement des articles, mais surtout de publier en français des articles originaux).

Donc, aux membres francophones, je dirai, pour paraphraser John Kennedy : Ne vous demandez pas ce que la SRPC peut faire pour vous, mais plutôt, ce que VOUS, pouvez faire pour la Société...

Je compte sur votre appui.

Soumis respectueusement par

Grégoire Teyssier FRPSC
Directeur SRPC / RPSC

Francization Committee annual report

This year, almost all of the Francization Committee's energy was put into translating and producing the French version of David Piercey's book, ***Parlons expositions***. This was an enormous task and I would particularly like to thank Nathalie Favreau, Alain Bossard and Cimon Morin first and foremost for the time they volunteered to translate the texts that had not been translated.

Thanks also to David Piercey, Ed Kroft (our former president) and Sam Chiu, the latter having spared no effort to make this project a reality. Sam also canvassed advertisers. Without him, the French version would simply not have seen the light of day. A big thank you also to our advertising friends whose financial support has been essential.

I am also happy that the production of this French version has enabled a brand new partnership with the Fédération Québécoise de Philatélie. We hope that the relationship between our two entities will prosper in the future. It will be good for philately in general and for French-speaking philately in Canada in particular.

Our Francization Committee has also taken on the task of translating the Newsletters from our president that members receive regularly.

A big thank you also to our director, Jane Soderro, a true Francophile, for her publications on Facebook which she tries to translate as much as possible. Thank you also for his initiative to create Forums (Stamp Talks) in French.

I am personally happy and proud to note that all the directors of the RPSC recognize and understand the importance of giving more space to the French within our national society. I would like to thank them all for their openness, and in particular our president, Sam Chiu, who has been of exceptional support.

That said, we still have a lot of work to do. In the short term and as a priority: fully translate our website. We will really need volunteer help because this vast project will not be done by itself...

A call to all: If we, French-speaking members across Canada really want more service and reading in French, it is up to us. We need volunteers to help us translate more, but also to publish in French in *Le philatéliste canadien* / *The Canadian Philatelist* more texts in French (the goal is not to systematically translate articles, but above all to publish in French original items).

So, to the French-speaking members, I would say, to paraphrase John Kennedy: Do not ask yourself what the RPSC can do for you, but rather, what YOU, can do for the Society...

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted by
Grégoire Teyssier, FSRPC
Director RPSC / SRPC

Reviewing the Inaugural RPSC Membership Survey

Jeff Slein

In January 2023, the RPSC conducted its first ever survey of our membership, with the objectives of better understanding the demographics and collecting interests of RPSC members, obtaining feedback on the benefits members receive, and identifying opportunities to improve our offering.

An estimated 1,200 RPSC members received a link to the survey, which was run in both English and French, and approximately 500 of you shared your feedback.

Here's a look at some of what you told us:

- You find the most value in the print edition of the *Canadian Philatelist*. 84% of respondents indicated they appreciated the publication. As the hobby moves more and more online, 55% of our younger members also saw value in the online version of *CP*.
- Supporting Canada's national stamp society was important to you. 61% of members felt that was an important benefit and several members wrote in feedback thanking the RPSC for its commitment to supporting the hobby.
- Members' only content on the RPSC website has also been identified as important, particularly with younger collectors and those who identified as 'intermediate' level collectors.

We also saw that 77% of responses were from individuals over the age of 65 (this number was slightly lower in Quebec, where 65% were over 65).

While a majority of our members are experienced, passionate philatelists, it is important that the RPSC is set up to support collectors of all levels of experience. To ensure we are providing the right type of support to the next generation of collectors, I spent some time analyzing the differences in responses between members under age 65 and the broader population.

Our members under 65 are:

- More likely to identify as beginner or intermediate-level collectors;
- Less likely to engage in other elements of organized philately (e.g., be involved in local clubs or exhibiting);
- Overwhelmingly, Canada collectors;
- Proud to be members of Canada's national stamp society; and
- Thirsty for knowledge, and looking for the RPSC to help increase their knowledge of the hobby and level of expertise;

These insights will be crucial in helping us understand how we can continue to connect with our younger members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to everyone who shared their feedback in our first ever survey. If you have any other feedback at any time, please feel free to send me an email at jeffslein@hotmail.com.



RPSC Social Media Committee Report for the Annual General Meeting

Committee Members: **Jane Sodero** (Co-Chair) Hugo Deshayé, MMM CD
Sam Chiu, FRPSC (Co-Chair) Robert Timberg
Robert Lunn Jesse Robitaille
Mike Walsh Leon Matthys

The Social Media Committee has continued to be active on Facebook and, to a lesser extent, Twitter and Instagram. The RPSC Facebook page now has over 1000 followers. As before, the majority of followers are in Canada with the United States, India and the UK accounting for the next largest groups. Over 80% of the audience is male which is consistent with last year. As last year, just over 22% of the followers are under the age of 45. Posts which link to current events such as the death of Gordon Lightfoot and the recognition of Asian Heritage Month seem to garner the most likes and shares.

The RPSC's Instagram account has over 200 followers. As with Facebook, these are mostly men with most followers from Canada, the US and the UK.

The RPSC's Twitter account has 140 followers compared with just over 100 last year.

A change to the Facebook page set-up has enabled the sharing of activities of Chapter members which we hope benefits both the Chapters and collectors.

The committee will reiterate from last year's report that while the Social Media presence of The RPSC is improving, we still need at least one or two bilingual social media savvy volunteers who can make significant contributions to the day-to-day maintenance of the three social media channels.

The Co-Chairs wish to thank all of the committee members for the time and effort they have put into growing the page.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Sodero, Co-Chair
Sam Chiu, Co-Chair

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

International Liaison Committee Report for 2022

Canadian exhibitors participated in five of the six international exhibitions in 2022 to which Canada was invited.

1.0 Multi-Frame Results

Emirates 2022, Dubai, Jan 19-23, 2022

LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B	C of P
95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-

London 2022, London UK, Feb 19-26, 2022

WSCC	LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B	C of P
-	95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	3	2	4	4	7	6	-	-	-

Hunfilex 2022, Budapest, Hungary, March 31-April 3, 2022

WSCC	LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B	C of P
-	95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-

Indonesia 2022, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 4-9, 2022

WSCC	LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B	C of P
-	95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cape Town 2022, Cape Town, South Africa, November 8-12, 2022

WSCC	LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B	C of P
-	95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-

2.0 One Frame Exhibit Results

While some international exhibitions did provide medals for One Frame exhibits FIP only requires that points be awarded, and certificates provided. For this report the number of exhibits awarded points equivalent to the multi-frame medals is reported.

Emirates 2022, Dubai, Jan 19-23, 2022

95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	2	7	-	1	4	-	-	-

London 2022, London UK, Feb 19-26, 2022

95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-

Hunfilex 2022, Budapest, Hungary, March 31-April 3, 2022

95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-

Indonesia 2022, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 4-9, 2022

95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-

Cape Town 2022, Cape Town, South Africa, November 8-12, 2022

95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	<60
-	1	3	1	-3	-	-	-	-

Literature Results**Emirates 2022, Dubai, Jan 19-23, 2022**

- 2 Vermeil
- 1 Large Silver
- 1 Silver

London 2022, London UK, Feb 19-26, 2022

- 1 Large Vermeil
- 1 Vermeil
- 3 Large Silver
- 3 Silver

Hunfilex 2022, Budapest, Hungary, March 31-April 3, 2022

- No entrants

Indonesia 2022, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 4-9, 2022

- No entrants

Cape Town 2022, Cape Town, South Africa, November 8-12, 2022

- 3 Vermeil

Special Prizes & Special Awards

Some federations, societies, commissioners & judges donate prizes for exhibitions which are awarded at the discretion of the jury to exhibits of special merit. Canadian exhibitors were the recipients of 6 Special Prizes in 2022.

Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL), Exhibition Medal

A highlight of the Cape Town 2022 exhibition was the awarding of the RPSL Exhibition Medal to Canadian exhibitor Jannie Hofmeyr. This was only the 17th time that RPSL awarded the Exhibition Medal.

FIP Championship Class

In 2022, for the first time in 15 years a Canadian exhibitor has qualified for the FIP Championship Class which requires three FIP Large Gold medals (95 or more points) in three different calendar years. Anestis Karagiannidis qualified for Championship Class at London 2022 with his third large gold medal for his exhibit titled ***The Small Hermes Heads of Greece 1886-1901.***

CAPEX 22 International One Frame Stamp Championship Exhibition

CAPEX 22 was the world's first International One Frame Stamp Championship Exhibition and was successfully completed June 9-12, 2022, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in the heart of Toronto's entertainment district. This was a significant achievement for Canada. Previous to CAPEX 22, the largest number of one frame exhibits at any exhibition was 100 exhibits. CAPEX 22 had 450 entrants of which 411 were accepted. There was some exhibit attrition due to exhibitor death, commissioner absences due to COVID 19, late visa applications, etc. however, there were 388 competitive exhibits on the floor, including over 100 from Canada, a fourfold increase from the previous record.

CAPEX 22, Toronto, Canada, June 9-12, 2022

One Frame Exhibit Results

95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	>60
2	18	31	24	20	7	1	-	-

Literature Exhibit Results

- 4 Gold
- 7 Large Vermeil
- 16 Vermeil
- 13 Large Silver
- 5 Silver

FIAF Exhibitions

There were no FIAF international exhibitions held in 2022. The annual FIAF Assembly was held at CAPEX 22, June 12, 2022.

Summary

2022 was a difficult yet exciting year in international exhibiting. Six FIP patronage exhibitions in one year is, I believe, unprecedented. The coming years will have less opportunities as the number of FIP patronage exhibitions will reduce to 1 or 2 per year.

I want to thank all the exhibitors who entered exhibits in the 2022 FIP exhibitions and the commissioners and judges who volunteered and made it possible for Canadian exhibitors to participate.

Thanks also to all who participated on the CAPEX 22 organizing committee and as volunteers, exhibitors, attendees, donors, guarantors, commissioners, judges, expert committee members, society representatives, seminar presenters, bourse members, sponsors, and advertisers. Let's do it again in 2028!

David McLaughlin, FRPSC
International Liaison Committee

April 25, 2023

2022-2023 RPSC Committee on Judging and Exhibiting Report for the AGM June 11, 2023

In the 2022-2023 judging year there were five very successful national shows:

NOVAPEX2022

CANPEX2022

CPS2022

Edmonton Spring Show 2023

ORAPEX2023

Each of the shows had at least 100 competitive frames and so the multiframe grand award winners are eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions in Cleveland Oh in August.

The single frame grand award winners are eligible for the AAPE Single frame Championship to be held at Chicagopex

The grand awardees are listed in this report.

Current Judges:

RPSC currently has 5 national/International judges plus 1 literature judge

At the national level we have 22 judges most of whom are active. Unfortunately JJ Tillard will be moving to France and will no longer serve as an RPSC judge. In addition a couple of our judges are unable to travel due to age and/or health limitations. It is essential that our national apprentices complete their apprenticeships and move on to be fully accredited judges.

Apprentices:

Although 13 individuals are listed on the RPSC website, I expect only about 6 of these will complete their apprenticeships.

In the past year three apprentices completed one or more apprenticeships. I plan to cull the list in the coming months.

Ken Lemke did his 1st apprenticeship at NOVAPEX2022. Unfortunately Ken passed away shortly after NOVAPEX.

Janet Brookes did her 1st apprenticeship at CPS2022

Gregg Redner did his 1st apprenticeship at CANPEX2022

Two additional apprentices were unable to participate due to health issues.

Additionally, Laurent Belisle completed his 1st apprenticeship at ORAPEX2022.

Yan Turmine will do his 1st apprenticeship at Royal2023 in October

Gregg completed his 2nd apprenticeship at the 2023 Garfield Perry March Party

Issues:

The major issue of concern to the committee, in addition to rejuvenation of the national judge corp, is the future of in person stamp shows with national level exhibits and the role of virtual exhibits. This require serious in depth discussion in the near future.

Respectfully submitted May 15, 2023

Joel Weiner Chair RPSC Judging & Exhibiting Committee

National Show Grand Award Winners 2022-2023

NOVAPEX2022 August 19-21, 2022 Halifax NS

104 Competitive Frames

Multi Frame Grand

Jean-Jacques Tillard - Saint Pierre et Miquelon, Le Type "Groupe" 1892-1908

Contact: jjtillard@cheznoo.net

One Frame Grand

Jean-Jacques Tillard - Albert Calmette - Sainte Pierre et Miquelon – 1963 “De la maquette a l’usage

Contact: jjtillard@cheznoo.net

CPS2022 September 2-4, 2022 Calgary Ab

119 competitive frames

Multi Frame Grand

David Piercey - Fishing in the North Atlantic

Contact: dpiercey@telus.net

One Frame Grand

Don Hedger - Epic of Vimy – A Canadian Pilgrimage

Contact: don.hedger@gmail.com

CANPEX October 15-16. 2022 London On

104 Competitive frames

Multi Frame Grand

Stuart Reddington-Canada Small Queens 1870-1897

Contact: stuart_reddington@hotmail.com

One Frame Grand

Patrick Durbano- Canada Federal Department of Finance 5-Hole OHMS Mail: 1923 to 1939

Contact: durbanostamps@gmail.com

Edmonton Spring Show March 25-26, 2023 Edmonton Ab

106 Competitive frames

Multiframe Grand:

Jean-JacquesTillard-St. Pierre et Miquelon, La 1ere Serie Groupe 1892- 93 contact:

jjtillard@cheznoo.net

Single Frame Grand:

Gregg Redner The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympics

Contact: greggredner@rogers.com

ORAPEX May 5-6, 2023

147 Competitive frames

Multiframe grand

Brian Murphy-Canada's External Mail, 1873 - 24 December 1898

Contact: murphybrian194@gmail.com

Single frame grand

J. Michael Powell The Jacques Cartier Commemorative Issue of 1934

Contact: bigrideaumike@sympatico.ca

TCP Editor, Annual Report

Robin Harris

May 2023

There are many benefits of membership in The RPSC, but I suspect *The Canadian Philatelist* is likely the one to be picked as the most important by a member. If that is the case for you, what can The Society do to ensure you are pleased with the journal?

We continue to be in desperate need of both short and long articles. Won't you consider putting your pen to paper and writing something in your field of interest?

Thanks to Jim Szeplaki of Trajan Publishing for his continued expertise in the layout of the journal.

I cannot forget to thank Associate Editor François Brisse, along with George Pepall and Lee Ann Stewart, who take considerable time in proofing each issue. Every editor needs others to catch 'silly' mistakes before they make it to print.

RPSC UPDATE

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Some Data

Currently, The RPSC's Membership includes:

- 80 Chapters
- 8 Affiliate Members
- 1336 Individual Members
 - 71% of members receive hard copies of *The Canadian Philatelist (TCP)*
 - 25% are e-members
 - 4% do not have receive the *TCP*
- 82 new members joined the RPSC in 2022
- 3 new Chapters have joined since Jan. 1, 2022

Membership Recruitment Efforts at CAPEX 22

Ken Lemke organized a membership table that had a schedule of volunteers who sold raffle tickets on a 50c Bluenose donated by Phil Visser. Another raffle featured a year's free membership The RPSC. First class RPSC-inscribed pens were given out, and promotional leaflets listing membership benefits were distributed. People with specialty interests were directed to the tables of societies like BNAPS, the VGG and the PHSC, all of which had flyers, CAPEX-related products for sale and displays. All of this promotional activity led to more than 40 new members enrolling.

Much promotional communication had taken place beforehand at chapter meetings, thanks to the leadership of presidents and directors, who in some cases. Organized van loads of their club members to save some cost. It was valuable because many club members wouldn't have experienced CAPEX-96 and its international and Canada-wide flavour.

All of the above material was purposed to bring people together through our common hobby, which each of us pursues in our own unique way. It was a frequent sight to see new friendships made, our newly purchased CP items shown around, to hear stories told in groups and old pals reunited. It was also common to see members of local clubs who had travelled together and were now working the floor, and sometimes taking a break from the massiveness of the Metro Centre and its network of escalators on a comfy leather chair. Other members of the committee besides Ken and Phil were Darin Cherniwchan and George Pepall.

RPSC Webmaster, Annual Report

Robin Harris

May 2023

Not much new to report with regards to The RPSC website this year.

We continue to add the monthly *Stamp Talks* and *Stamp Panels* video presentations introduced in 2021, coordinated now by Lisa Tam (previously Joe Trauzzi – thanks to both for this tremendous on-line resource!).

Are you a regular visitor of The RPSC website? Have you registered with our site and renewed your membership via the “web”? More and more members are using the on-line renewal process via our website; a special thanks to those that have renewed this way.

Our website has additions and changes made to it regularly. This includes posting the latest *Canadian Philatelist* as we receive it from the printer (we try to do this before it is placed in the mail). The recent addition of an ‘e-Membership’ means you can get a hi-res PDF version of *TCP*, starting with the Jan-Feb 2019 journal. I would encourage you to visit the website periodically to view new information.

The ‘Canada Post’ portion of the website, which contains the annual stamp listings of Canada Post’s new stamp releases, continues to be *the* most viewed part of the website. The Scott numbers are no longer presented as we do not receive them in a timely manner.

Remember, this is *your* website ... what would you like to see added?

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Sales Circuits 2022 Annual Report

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Sales Circuit continues to provide a service to members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and act as an incentive to encourage new members to join.

Sales were \$36183., a 20% decrease over 2021. The biggest challenge always (and for all stamp dealers) is getting appropriate material to sell. Lately, there seems to be more recent and topical material coming in, as well as some fairly obscure but interesting material, like many early French & Portuguese colonies.

I dealt with 8 Chapters in 2022. In 2022, there were no clubs that shared Circuits, due to covid and in person meeting issues. Some Chapters circulate the books at their meetings, and some circulate the books from one member to the next. The key is having a keen member to manage the books and do the finances, which can be a challenge, as not everyone can do arithmetic.

Because of high postal prices, I use mainly Expedited mail. However, due to requests for small numbers of books, I have started sending out small Circuits, with values under \$1000. and weight under 500 grams, so they can go at regular letter rate. (\$5.47 + gst, rather than up to \$38. or more +gst each way!)

Sales to chapters were \$19424. (35 circuits), and to individuals \$16758. (103 circuits) but many more folks are involved in the Chapter purchases.

The largest sale to a Chapter was \$1295. and to an individual \$ 943. The Chapters receive more books (40+) , and are much more time and expense consuming. I pay postage one way if sales exceed \$300. for a circuit to a Chapter. I subsidize circuits to individuals also. The business is a "break even" one.

The post office is Sidney is small and service is excellent. However, weather events do impact service, when ferries and planes are cancelled, or there is snow or flooding on highways throughout the country. There have been challenges within Canada Post, as in addition to the Processing plant cancelling already cancelled stamps with black markers, crayons & ballpoint pens, there have been several thefts of the frankings, right off the parcels. I had 3 pieces of mail go missing completely. These are internal thefts to Canada Post, and because they were not sent Signature mail, I must pay.

There are approximately 500 or so books in circulation at this moment, but that does shift.. I need many more books for the circuit to flow smoothly.

Liabilities (for submitters) are held in an Island Savings, (a division of First West Credit Union) cash account.

There were 323 books, worth \$88,499. submitted in 2022, (the books circulate for 18 months), and there were 322 books, worth \$93,647. (when submitted), retired in 2022.

There are many collectors that I cannot provide material for on a regular basis, and they are not counted unless there is a circuit for them during the year. There were 8 Chapters (representing many individuals),

37 individual buyers, 27 sellers and 8 individuals both buy and sell. There is only one overseas submitter of books, and has been for a couple of years.

Incentives to encourage sellers to submit more books include free blank circuit book sent with retirements, and also when books are submitted. Also, books were sent with club Circuits to encourage submissions. Postage subsidies are used to incent purchasers.

I have sent out many small 1-3 book circuits or bulk bags, regular mail. Several collectors prefer to only deal with Circuits this way, as it is easier on limited budgets and is helpful to several disabled collectors who cannot go to a post office. The cancel collectors who like to go through the bags of loose stamps are happy, as they have something to “play” in, or when collectors have very narrow interests, and I get a book or two, they can purchase without the exorbitant postal cost of a full circuit. (500 gram letter rate is \$5.47 + tax, compared with parcel rate /signature mail of ~ \$38 each way). My insurance policy has a \$500 deductible. There have been issues doing this to date, as several envelopes have vanished in the mail, due to internal Canada Post thefts. This has been a significant cost, as I have to pay off the owners of the books.

I think the RPSC members joining the Circuit find they get value for their money, as I get much positive feedback from those collectors and submitters with whom I deal. More books submitted would make for an efficient, and more effective Circuit.

Club meetings were all still cancelled for many months across Canada in 2022 as well as shows and exhibitions. Many clubs circulate books through the membership now, and that works well, and they sell more stamps. Many collectors are finding refuge in their stamps, with all the Covid lockdowns. As these have lifted, many clubs want books, and always, all at the same time. I do not have sufficient material to accommodate the requests, and have had to stagger them over several months, as Chapters all are taking longer now too, to return the books.

There is one new Chapter requesting books, to be sent shortly for the first time, since I have been doing this.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Foss,
March 14, 2023.

I am grateful to serve from the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the WJOLELP (Tsartlip), BOKÉCEN (Pauquachin), STÁUTW (Tsayout), and WSIKEM (Tseycum) Nation

THE RPSC FIFTY-YEAR CLUB & HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

2023 Report

Prepared by Lee Ann Stewart

Background

The RPSC FIFTY-YEAR CLUB was created in 2003, at the suggestion of Charles J. G. Verge and Ray Ireson, to honor those who had been members for 50 continuous years. The medallions were sponsored by Michael Madesker, FRPSC, former President of The RPSC

The medallions are presented to the recipients on a Royal blue lanyard. Whenever possible this presentation is made at the Annual General Meeting of the Members of The RPSC, which is held in conjunction with the annual Royal*Royale convention. If recipients cannot attend the meeting arrangements are made to present the medallion and certificate to them through a local club or RPSC member in their area.

The only people to receive these distinctive medallions are the Fifty-Year Club members. They also are the only members of The RPSC to be awarded Honorary Life Memberships.

The name of the Fifty-Year member is engraved on the back of the medallion together with the years of membership, and a certificate indicating they are Honorary Life Members is presented to them with the medallion.

Upon achieving 50 years of membership the annual dues for the Member are waived.

2023

In 2023, the following individuals will be recognized as the newest members of the Fifty-Year Club at The RPSC Annual General Meeting held on June 11, 2023:

- Alan Baker
- Michael Croy
- Doug Fraser
- Graham Houze
- John Keeler
- James Measures
- Cimon Morin, FRPSC
- Paul Patsalides
- David Pugh
- Andre Simard
- Peter Skwarczynski
- Roger Turnell
- Robert Velazquez
- Vance Auctions
- Philatelistische Bibliothek

There are now 98 Honorary Life Members in the Fifty Year Club.

Nominating Committee Report – 2023 AGM

Board members who will retire from the RPSC Board

Sam Chiu

John Hall

David McLaughlin

Robert Pinet

Mike Walsh

Nominees up for (re)election at 2023 RPSC AGM

Michèle Cartier (election)

Mario Chevrette (election)

Chris McFetridge (election)

Jesse Robitaille (election)

John Sharp (re-election)

Jeff Slein (election)

Grégoire Teyssier (re-election)

Phil Visser (election)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

I wish to inform members that there will be no election at the virtual Zoom AGM on June 11. There are eight positions to be filled on the board and eight candidates. Therefore the candidates will be acclaimed to office. Their photos and bios follow.

On behalf of the membership, I thank the candidates for agreeing to join the board of directors of the society, and for providing their skills and expertise to advance philately across the country.

- Robert Lunn
Chair, Nominating Committee

ÉLECTION DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

Je désire informer les membres qu'il n'y aura pas d'élections à l'assemblée générale annuelle sur Zoom, le 11 juin. Les candidats seront donc élus par acclamation. Voyez ci-dessous leurs photos ainsi que leurs biographies.

Au nom des membres, je remercie les candidats d'avoir accepté de se joindre au conseil d'administration de la société et de mettre leurs compétences et leur expertise au service de l'avancement de la philatélie au pays.

Le président du comité des candidatures,
Robert Lunn



MICHÈLE CARTIER FRPSC

Michèle Cartier holds a Bachelor of Science degree (hons. biology) as well as a Master's degree from the University of Montreal. Doctoral studies in freshwater ecology completed her professional formation. She taught at CEGEP St. Laurent in Montreal and for the last fifteen years of her career was the Director of the Department of Biology. She has lent her expertise to many committees including the Quebec Pedagogical and Coordination commission charged with the responsibility of developing new provincial programs and courses in biology.

Her interest in philately began when she was very young and has continued to this day. For twenty years her main interest was polar philately but for the last years her focus has been on postal history.

From 2014 to 2019, Michèle received seven Gold/Large Gold medals for seven different collections presented in seven consecutive national exhibitions. Michèle is a member of these philatelic societies: RPSC/SRPC (Fellow in 2017; Director in 2018), PSSC, AQEP, LSC, SHPQ, PPHSGB, CPGV. She received the Marguerite-Fortin Trophy from the FQP in 2012 and the Founder's Trophy from the LSC in 2015.



MARIO CHEVETTE

Like many philatelists, Mario Chevette started collecting worldwide stamps in childhood. His interest for philately was interrupted while pursuing a career as a molecular biologist at McGill University and to form his family. Mario has two daughters, who unfortunately do not share his interest in philately. In the '90s he renewed with stamp collecting where his interests became Canada and Germany. He also started thematic collections, including bats, spiders, Formula 1 racing as well as the Machin series from U.K. His main interest these days is the postal history of Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean, where he was born. Mario joined the Lakeshore Stamp Club in 2011 and was its President from 2014 to 2019. He is also a member

of BNAPS, the American Topical Association, the Perfin Society (Great Britain) and the Société d'histoire postale du Québec.



CHRIS MCFETRIDGE

Chris McFetridge has been an ardent philatelist since the age of six. His philatelic interests are extremely varied and include everything from classics to modern issues. However, his personal area of focus is now the Omnibus issues of the British Commonwealth from 1935 to 1986. He is the president of Brixton-Chrome Inc., which he established in 2015 after some 22 years in public accounting. He is a member of the Ontario and New Brunswick Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and is a graduate of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC. His mission is to bring philately to the masses, to make weekly auctions accessible to a variety of bidders and to educate collectors about the amazing possibilities that

their collections hold for specialized, focused collection and study.



JESSE ROBITAILLE

Jesse Robitaille has been a driving force behind one of Canada's major philatelic institutions, *Canadian Stamp News* (CSN), for nearly a decade. After more than 10 years as a professional musician, Jesse earned his journalism diploma with several awards and honours. Following a brief internship with a local newspaper, his work with Trajan Publishing, which publishes CSN and *Canadian Coin News*, began in 2015. Since then, he has worked for both biweekly publications in addition to freelancing for other clients and volunteering with local organizations.

While Jesse wasn't a collector before joining Trajan, he now enjoys hunting for 19th- and 20th-century postal history—specifically covers, ideally with contents, related to politics or from places he has lived. He has aspirations to exhibit, especially in the literature class, but his main focus is philatelic journalism through his role with CSN.

Jesse's day-to-day responsibilities include interviewing, reporting, researching, writing, editing, fact-checking and multimedia production, including photography and graphics. For several years before moving to a freelance position in November 2021, he was CSN's main proofreader, editing all of the publication's columnists, and managed Trajan's online presence, including both publications' websites, social media pages and weekly email newsletter. He also helps produce Trajan's annual show planner and manages the company's in-house social media and style guides.

Since 2017, Jesse has been a member of The RPSC's social media committee, and in 2022, he was invited to join the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada as a specialist in philatelic journalism. Also a community volunteer, Jesse serves as the secretary of Fitzgerald Neighbours, his local neighbourhood association, which focuses on asset-based community development.



JOHN A. SHARP B. COMM, CA

John first started collecting stamps in Grade 4, encouraged by his teacher. He had a world album and later was given a Jarrett Canada album, which he still has today. He continued until University when other interests took over. About 10 years ago, he started up his philatelic interest again to have something to do in retirement, joining the North Toronto Stamp Club in 2015 and is currently the Vice President and Treasurer. Prior to retirement, in his professional capacity as a chartered accountant, his practice served privately-owned businesses with financial and tax planning services for corporations and individuals. He also worked with a number of not-for-profit organizations and other individuals. John serves as The RPSC's Treasurer as well as the Treasurer for the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation.



JEFF SLEIN

Jeff Slein started collecting stamps while growing up in New Zealand. He became a returner to the hobby during Covid. Before joining the Board of Directors, Jeff volunteered at CAPEX and was a member of The RPSC's President's Advisory Committee before joining the Board of Directors. Recently, Jeff led The RPSC's membership survey initiative. Jeff works in transformation strategy and insights for one of Canada's largest banks.



GRÉGOIRE TEYSIER, MA., FRPSC

Titulaire d'une maîtrise en histoire des communications de l'Université Laval, collectionneur depuis plus de 45 ans, Grégoire a travaillé plusieurs années en gestion d'événements, et œuvré pour les Archives postales canadiennes et le défunt Musée de la Poste du Canada. Juge national accrédité depuis 1995, il expose fréquemment ses collections aux niveaux national et international. Il a déjà occupé les postes de directeur et de 2e Vice-président de la SRPC dans les années 1990, et a récemment été co-président de BNAPEX 2018. Grégoire est membre des principales organisations philatéliques canadiennes.

À l'aube de la retraite, il a désormais davantage de temps à consacrer à notre passe-temps et surtout à notre société nationale. Comme plusieurs d'entre-nous, l'avenir de la philatélie le préoccupe, et il est d'avis que nous devons faire en sorte que d'avantages de jeunes nous rejoignent, car notre avenir passe par eux.

Holder of a master's degree in communication history from Laval University, a collector for more than 45 years, Gregoire worked for several years in event management, as well as for the Canadian Postal Archives and the late Postal Museum of Canada. A national accredited judge since 1995, he frequently exhibits his collections nationally and internationally. He previously held the positions of Director and 2nd Vice President of RPSC in the 1990s and was Co-Chair of BNAPEX 2018. Gregoire is a member of the major Canadian philatelic organizations.

Almost retired, he now has more time to devote to the hobby and especially to our national society. Like many of us, the future of philately is a concern for him, and he believes that we must ensure that the benefits of young philatelists reach us, because the future of our hobby lies in them.



PHIL VISSER

I am honoured to be nominated to serve The Royal on the Board of Directors. Stamp collecting was introduced in my life at an early age. This hobby fascinated me to the point of joining the local stamp club as a teenager. Members and executive of the club guided the growth of this hobby during those years.

Post secondary education consumed my attention to the hobby which was followed by many years of being involved in family life. Despite that important call on my time, the hobby percolated in me while assisting my father with his collection. Annual visits to the OXPEX show provided limited opportunities to build my own collection.

Professionally I worked as an officer and Captain on merchant ships. Voyages brought me throughout the Great Lakes and the Eastern seaboard of North America. These experiences allowed me to attain the rank of Master Mariner.

Following that career, an opportunity arose to become a professor in the nautical training institute in this province. While teaching I also served as the Program coordinator. The opportunity arose for a sabbatical which allowed me to complete the Bachelor of Nautical Sciences degree. Completing thirty years of teaching, retirement appeared on the horizon and now I can share my enthusiasm for this hobby with the members of The RPSC.

As our children spread their wings and learned to fly on their own, time became available to join the local stamp club. Involvement with this club included terms as President and now as newsletter editor. Most meetings will have someone asking me questions about the hobby. Generally, I'm successful in answering questions or directing them on to where to search for a more in-depth answer.

Besides club activities, service has also been on the board of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association, assisting in frame set up at a Royal in southern Ontario, as well as participating as a member on the Membership Committee of The RPSC. This culminated in assisting at the membership table at the recent CAPEX in Toronto. Attending CAPEX was a wonderful way to meet many other noted philatelists in this country.

My thirst for knowledge has included membership in The RPSC, BNAPS, Postal History Society of Canada and recently in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. I look forward to serving the Canadian philatelic community as a Director of the Royal.