



Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News

Everett, 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Snohomish County PUD
2320 California Street

Edmonds, 3rd Friday, 7 PM – 9 PM
South County Senior Center
220 South Railroad Avenue

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COMBINED SUMMER NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST EDITION

Everett Meeting
Wednesday, July 11th, 7:30 PM

- **Buy / Sell / Show / Tell** - This month will have the usual **show-and-tell** time along with ample **buy and sell** time for your stamps and duplicates so bring along anything you have for sale, trade, or barter.

Everett/Edmonds Summer Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, August 8th, 6PM BBQ

- At the Lake Forest Park home of member John Brew - see full details on page 2

[**Edmonds** meetings are on hold until further notice to sort out some
how / where / when details]

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Everett 2018 meeting dates at the Snohomish P.U.D. (2nd Wednesday of each month):
7/11, (Aug 8th BBQ), 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, (Dec Dinner)

President's Column

Your Sno-King newsletter takes its annual break this August, so the issue you are holding covers club events for July and August. We do have a location for our annual summer picnic, which takes the place of our monthly meeting at the Snohomish PUD. John Brew, one of our newer members, offered his Lake Forest Park home for our summer picnic. The date is Wednesday, **August 8**. Starting time is 6 p.m.

John and his wife, Mary Ellen, live at 2734 NE 184th Place. Now, Lake Forest Park is an appealing place to live, with its winding streets and forest canopy, which gives the municipality the feel of a rural expanse ringed by bedroom communities. Northeast 184th Place intersects with 25th Avenue Northeast. That said, I won't attempt more detailed directions. I suggest you enter John's address in Google Maps.

As with past picnics, the club will provide hamburger patties, hot dogs, condiments, buns and beverages. We ask each member to **bring a side dish, salad or dessert**. I will be bringing potato salad, made according to the recipe handed down by my mother. Its defining feature is a sparing use of dressing. My mother believed potato salad shouldn't be slathered with mayonnaise.

Leave your stamps at home. You really don't savor hot dog relish all over your Curtiss Jenny invert.

To get members in the spirit of summer picnicking, I am hoping to use the recently issued flavored popsicle stamps on newsletters which travel through the mails. In hopes of acquiring these stamps, I visited two post offices and one good humor truck. All were sold out. I will try next week when it comes time to circulate this newsletter.

The **July meeting** will give members a chance to sell their own extras and to buy from fellow members. I encourage members to scour the nether regions of their philatelic stockpiles and locate material they haven't worked on in years. I recently found three boxes of stamps sorted by country. I hope they will bring enjoyment to even those members with narrow specialties.

I had planned to order APS circuit books. I reconsidered on learning a number of members have travel plans which preclude attendance. I prefer to have enough members present to achieve a sales total in excess of \$200, which exempts us from APS's five-percent surcharge. I expect to have one or two Dealer Nights this fall. I will arrange for circuit books for a month with no Dealer Night.

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The American Stamp Dealer & Collector drew unexpected rebukes for a recent cover intended to evoke patriotism. The cover showed three young American men wearing military uniforms. A caption describing these three as soldiers triggered an outcry. These men are not soldiers, several readers protested. Instead, they are the few and the proud. They are Marines. Some of those who wrote the magazine in protest are former Marines.

Marines do not think of themselves as soldiers. They are more special than that. To the typical Marine, a soldier is an Army type not tough enough to make it in the Marine Corps.

Even within the Marine Corps, certain members think of themselves as superior to other Marines. I learned this as a veterans counselor during the aftermath of the Vietnam War. My position required me to review numerous military personnel files. I remember one involving a former Marine. He was assigned to a

reconnaissance unit, or recon. Recon Marines regarded themselves as an elite within the Marine Corps. Or as one Marine taunted another, "If you ain't recon, you ain't s--t."

Here's some etiquette in the event you introduce your former Marine nephew to shirt-tail relatives at a family event. Don't describe him as an ex-Marine. He's a former Marine. There is a huge semantic difference. A former Marine may no longer be a Marine in body, but he remains, in mind and spirit, a Marine for a lifetime. Ex-Marine? It would be on a par with being an ex-peanut vendor. Once you move on from selling peanuts, you wipe that experience from your identity.



(Editor's note: Not all of us jarheads are quite like that, however! Photo of your editor back in 1991 - and you can call him whatever makes you happy and you won't get corrected, I promise.)

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A recent issue of American Stamp Dealer & Collector featured a useful tip for displeasing customers. A staff writer recalled his early days as a stamp dealer, when he affiliated with a fellow dealer. That dealer maintained a retail stamp shop and sold through the mail. He prepared price lists, which he made available to only his mail customers. The volume discounts he offered his mail customers were not available to customers who shopped in his store.

Eventually, some in-store customers discovered that if they wanted a discount, they had to walk to the nearest postal station and mail in their purchases. That discovery prompted some to take their philatelic dollars elsewhere.

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The typical collector expects fair treatment from dealers. The typical collector also expects to treat dealers fairly in return. Assuming you are a typical collector, how do you think you should treat a dealer in the following situation. I invite readers, whether collectors or dealers, to comment.

Let's say the dealer has a sizable stock of sets and singles, with too many to check each year when the catalogs come out. Let's say he writes the catalog value, but not the retail price, on his display cards. Let's say that he charges a uniform percentage of catalog value for the stamps he stocks.

When shopping, you discovered that the current catalog value is several dollars less than what is written on the card. You call this to the dealer's attention. He lowers the catalog value, which lowers the price you pay. Then, you find another stamp whose catalog value has jumped several dollars since the dealer priced it.

Do you have an ethical obligation to inform the dealer so he gets a fair price? Or do you argue it the dealer's burden to stay current on the value of his merchandise?

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At the June meeting, the club decided, though without a formal vote, to offer free advertising to paid-up members in the newsletter. Each member, whether a dealer or a collector with a bulging stock of duplicates, will be able to take out, free of charge, two quarter-page ads each year. I would like any member taking advantage of this opportunity to list individual items, be they better singles, sets or collections. Use this space to say something more than I have stamps to sell.

Send your ad layout by e-mail to Kurt Lange, the newsletter editor, and to me. Kurt will work your ad into his page layout. The deadline of the 3rd week of the month should be enough lead time to get it into the following month's newsletter. A year from now, we will evaluate how this benefit is working and propose revisions, if need be.

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I chanced on an intriguing ad in a 1942 issue of Weekly Philatelic Gossip, a premier publication from the golden years of stamp collecting. In 1942, Scott Publishing Co. decided there were simply too many stamps for a one-volume catalog. In 1943, it would inaugurate the era of two-volume catalogs.

Scott took out an ad in a February, 1942, issue of Gossip, proclaiming, "YOU'VE ASKED FOR A TWO VOLUME CATALOGUE NOW--How Shall We Divide the Volumes?"

Scott asked comment "on the following divisions." Volume One would be pretty much what most of us grew up with: USA and "its Administration issues," British Commonwealth and Latin America.

Volume Two would also resemble what longtime collectors remember. However, Scott asked several intriguing questions. One was whether to "maintain the present alphabetical listings," which apparently grouped colonial empires. For example, Scott grouped French colonies immediately after France and Belgian Congo right after Belgium. Evidently, the answer was no. The catalogs I remember from my childhood scattered colonies depending on where they fell alphabetically. Belgian Congo did not follow Belgium. Listed simply as "Congo," it fell between China and Corfu.

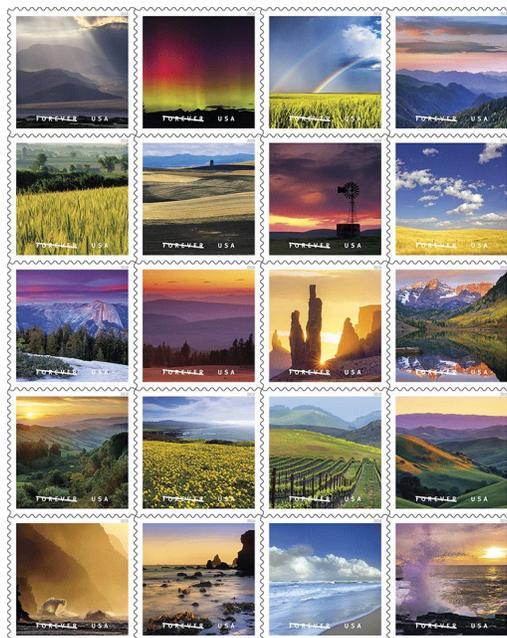
Scott also asked whether French and Dutch colonies in the Western Hemisphere should be included in Volume One. Evidently, the answer was no.

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No matter how well a stamp show executes its show plan, you can count on some chronic malcontent to find something to complain about. At one show, it was the background music. Several complained. Now, this music was not some pump-up-the-volume aural assault like "Born To Be Wild" or "Highway to Hell" or even Alvin and the Chipmunks' version of "We Will Rock You." It was simply some inoffensive treacly tinkle best enjoyed in an express elevator ride.

2018 new USPS issues for July & August

July 4 Forever **O Beautiful**
20 stamps COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



July 14 Forever **Scooby-Do**
BLOOMINGTON, MN



July 27 Forever **World War I:
Turning The Tide**
KANSAS CITY, MO



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August 7 Forever **Art of
Magic**
LAS VEGAS, NV



August 9 Forever **Dragons**
COLUMBUS, OHIO (APS StampShow)



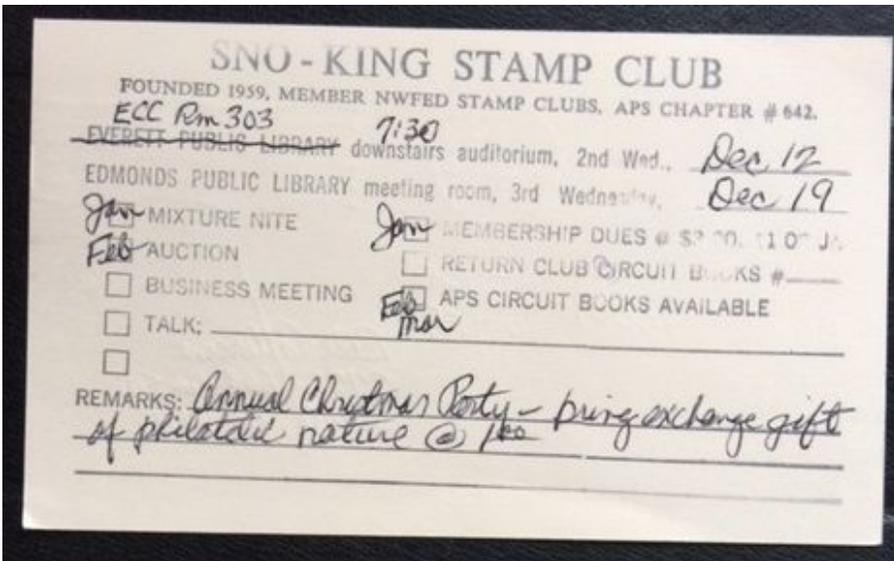
August 11 Forever **United States Airmail**
(red stamp version) COLLEGE PARK, MD



A little note from member Bill Patterson (who lives out-of-state) and some club history...

“In receipt of your always excellent monthly newsletter. Ran across the attached in my clutter and thought you’d enjoy seeing how it was done in 1973. George Jackson was the glue of the club and this was how it was done. Sweet memories. Many thanks for both your efforts. Very best regards.

Bill Patterson”



Short, Sweet, and to the point back in 1973!

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in <i>italic</i>	Revised: 22 May 2018	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	21-Jul	22-Jul	<i>Summer Exhibition (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Show
	28-Jul	29-Jul	Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show (NSSS)	Reno, NV	Show
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	NTSS-APS StampShow (begins 9-Aug) (WSP)	Columbus, OH	Show
	11-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		12-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		19-Aug	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	8-Sep	9-Sep	<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	BNAPEX (British North America Philatelic Society)	Quebec City, QC	Show
	22-Sep		<i>Medicine Hat Coin & Stamp Show (MHSCS)</i>	Medicine Hat, AB	Bourse
28-Sep	29-Sep		<i>VANPEX (British Columbia Philatelic Society)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Show
	29-Sep	30-Sep	<i>Apple Harvest (Inland Empire Philatelic Society)</i>	Spokane, WA	Bourse
5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct	WINEPEX (Redwood Empire Collectors Club)	San Rafael, CA	Show
	6-Oct	7-Oct	<i>Tri-Cities Stamp Show (Tri-Cities Stamp Club)</i>	Richland, WA	Bourse
	6-Oct	7-Oct	<i>VICPEX (Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.)</i>	Victoria, BC	Show
	13-Oct		<i>Roundup Stamp & Coin show (Olympia Philatelic Soc)</i>	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
		14-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	20-Oct	21-Oct	Filatelic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Club) (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
	3-Nov	4-Nov	SACAPEX (Sacramento Philatelic Society)	Sacramento, CA	Show
16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov	CHICAGOPEX (Chicago Philatelic Society) (WSP)	Itasca, IL	Show
	24-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		25-Nov	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	1-Dec	2-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
		9-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
2019:					
15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	ARIPEX-AmeriStamp Expo (joint show) (WSP)	Mesa, AZ	Show
26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
10-May	11-May	12-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
	8-Jun	9-Jun	<i>SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society)</i>	Central Point, OR	Show
2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug	NTSS-APS StampShow (begins 1-Aug) (WSP)	Omaha, NE	Show
13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
Repetitive Events			<i>Rose City Stamp Fair (2nd Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse
			<i>Collector's Corner (4th Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse