



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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Everett Meeting Wednesday, **December 12th**, 6 PM

- **Annual Dinner - 12/12 @ 6PM** - Our December meeting will be our annual holiday meal on Dec 12th. The location will be the V-Star Buffet at 620 SE Everett Mall Way. The club voted to cover the cost of all members whose dues are paid up through December 2018.

Note the time - 6PM, not the usual 7:30 meeting time.

Most meetings also include **show-and-tell**, along with time to **buy and sell** stamps

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

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NEXT YEAR'S MEETING DATES - PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Everett 2019 meeting dates at the PUD: 1/9, 2/13, (Our Club Show - Sunday March 3rd), 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, (August BBQ), 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, (Dec Dinner)

President's Column

Our December meeting will be our annual holiday meal on **December 12th**. The site will be the V-Star Buffet at 620 SE Everett Mall Way near the intersection of 7th Ave SE. Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

At the November meeting, the club voted to cover the cost of all members whose dues are paid up through December 2018. Had I not been caught flat-footed when this proposal was made, I would have added the requirement that dues be paid for 2019. I urge all members to pay dues for next year. Dues are \$10. I encourage members to bring spouses. Members will have to pay for guests.

At the holiday dinner, the club will elect officers for 2019. At the November meeting, the present slate of officers were nominated to continue in their present positions.

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Our **annual Sno-King Stamp Show** will take place Sunday, **March 3rd**, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12810 35th Ave SE in Everett. Given the impressive turnout at this year's show, we decided to stick to a March date instead of returning to the traditional President's Day weekend.

On contacting the church, I learned that we had a choice between March 3rd and March 10th. On conferring with Jim Hall, show chair, I decided that March 3rd worked best.

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I recently discovered that Seattle's Greenwood Library has 2018 Scott Catalogues available for check out. Most Seattle libraries which carry Scott catalogues stock those from earlier years.

The Seattle Public Library System has reciprocal arrangements with other public libraries. The King County library system, which includes Shoreline, is an example. If you're a patron of such a reciprocating system you can apply for a Seattle library card and check out a 2018 catalogue.

You do not need a library card to use the 2018 catalogues inside the Greenwood Library.

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Using eBay for the first time this century, I learned, upon reviewing eBay's rules, that users are not allowed to bid on lots being sold by friends.

This rule has the laudable purpose of outlawing shill bidding. You can't bid on a friend's offering simply to force other bidders into paying more.

I asked myself how does eBay enforce this rule? How does eBay know who my friends are? How does eBay know if I have friends? Does eBay monitor dozens of social media platforms to track friendship networks?

I queried my nephew, an eBay team leader. He assured me that eBay takes no active measures to stifle shill bidding by friends. In essence, this is a rule which operates on the honor system.

Some snapshots from the November club meeting from our unofficial club photographer!



UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES					
SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in italic	Revised: 20 November 2018	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	1-Dec	2-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
		9-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
2019:					
	26-Jan		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	26-Jan		<i>Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association Show</i>	Lake Country, BC	Show
		10-Feb	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	ARIPEX-AmeriStamp Expo (joint show) (WSP)	Mesa, AZ	Show
	16-Feb	17-Feb	<i>Regina Philatelic Club Show</i>	Regina, SK	Show
1-Mar	2-Mar	3-Mar	<i>APEX (Anchorage Philatelic Society)</i>	Anchorage, AK	Show
	2-Mar	3-Mar	NOVAPEX (Redding Stamp Club)	Redding, CA	Show

Sunday, March 3rd - Sno-King Annual Show - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12910 35 Ave SE, Everett, WA

	9-Mar	10-Mar	FRESPEX (Fresno Philatelic Society)	Fresno, CA	Bourse
	16-Mar		<i>Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition Stampfest</i>	Eugene, OR	Show
		17-Mar	<i>Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition STAMPEX</i>	Salem, OR	Show
	23-Mar	24-Mar	Edmonton Spring Show (Edmonton SC) (WSP)	Edmonton, AB	Show
	6-Apr		<i>John D. Arn Stamp Symposium (NWFSC)</i>	Moses Lake, WA	Education
	6-Apr		<i>Roundup Stamp & Coin show (Olympia Philatelic Soc)</i>	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
		14-Apr	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		14-Apr	<i>AMPEX (Fraser Valley Stamp Club)</i>	Abbotsford, BC	Show
	20-Apr	21-Apr	<i>Spring Bourse (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Bourse
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
	25-May		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	1-Jun	2-Jun	Greater Seattle Postcard & Paper Show	Kent, WA	Bourse
	8-Jun	9-Jun	<i>SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society) (new dates)</i>	Central Point, OR	Show
		9-Jun	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	20-Jul	21-Jul	<i>Summer Show (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Show
26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul	AMERICOVER (WSP)	St. Louis, CA	Show
	27-Jul	28-Jul	Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show (NSSS)	Reno, NV	Show
2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug	NTSS-APS StampShow (begins 1-Aug) (WSP)	Omaha, NE	Show
	10-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		11-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	14-Sep	15-Sep	<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	VANPEX (British Columbia Philatelic Society)	Burnaby, BC	Show
		13-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	9-Nov	10-Nov	<i>Filatellic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Club) (WSP)</i>	San Jose, CA	Show
	23-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
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

11/30/2018 article from The Daily Telegraph (UK newspaper)

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/11/30/consumers-could-prosecuted-reusing-second-hand-stamps-vast-online/>

Consumers could be prosecuted for reusing second-hand stamps as a vast online market is revealed



The 'unfranked' stamps are sold at as little as a quarter of their face value

The rising cost of postage is fuelling a market in reused stamps, allowing shoppers to buy them online for a quarter of the price.

A first class stamp now costs 67p, but uncanceled ones are available for as little as 16p on sites including eBay.

The Daily Telegraph discovered a booming second-hand market with eBay alone hosting more than 2,100 listings for re-used first and second class stamps.

One seller told the Telegraph they sell 20,000 reused stamps a month, claiming that they had had "no issues to this day" with the stamps they sold.

Another seller said used stamps are largely acquired by exploiting charities that sell on their received envelopes in large quantities as a way to supplement their incomes, usually to stamp collectors.

One worker at a Royal Mail sorting office claimed she sees 100 reused stamps make it through the system everyday as cost-cutting measures have led management to tell staff to turn a blind eye and no longer strike-out stamps by hand or issue penalty notices.



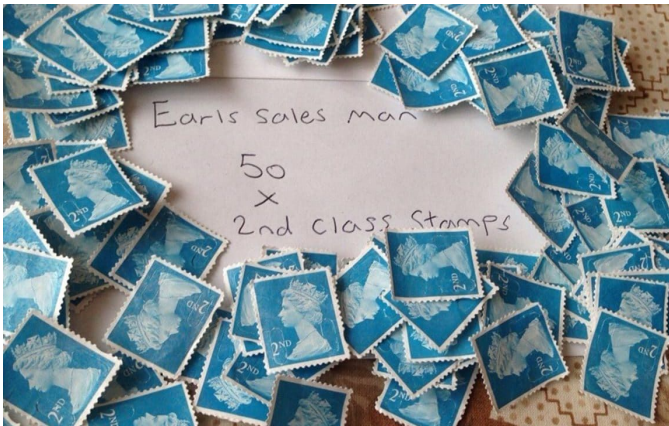
Security features intended to prevent the reuse of stamps aren't working, experts have warned

The news comes at a bad time for Royal Mail, which has seen its share price drop by 32 per cent since it issued a profit warning at the beginning of October. It is estimated that the industry could cost Royal Mail as much as £10m a year.

Many of those buying uncanceled stamps are believed to run mail order businesses, a lucrative sector for the Royal Mail as internet retail continues to grow.

In 2009, Royal Mail issued new tamper-proof stamps with security features that included two oval slits either side of the Queen's head which are supposed to tear if attempts are made to remove the stamp from an envelope, as well as a finely printed overlay of the words 'Royal Mail'.

Silvia Rook, lead officer for Chartered Trading Standards Institute, said she believed the black market could be due to recent increases in the price of stamps.



There are over 2,000 listings currently active on eBay advertising uncanceled stamps

"In the past when stamps were just pence, this was not such a big deal. Now stamps are an expensive commodity and if you can pick them up cheaply it does make a difference," she said.

Stuart Simpson, chief financial officer at Royal Mail, confirmed that the company were considering further rises to the cost of the stamps - which have risen from 36p to 67p for a first-class stamp over the last decade - as a way to offset these losses.

Ofcom this week highlighted a number of causes for concern in its annual report into the economic health of Royal Mail - including a failure to reach a benchmark of five per cent profitability, the level at which the universal service is deemed to be sustainable.

Ms Rook also stressed that the use of uncanceled stamps is illegal as customers are effectively getting a service for which they are not paying full price.

Both the sale and use of uncanceled stamps are illegal under the Fraud Act 2006, however eBay sellers avoid prosecution by adding disclaimers to their listings that state stamps are for collectors only.

When contacted, Ebay said they would investigate the listings brought to their attention by The Telegraph.

Royal Mail confirmed it was aware of the online market in uncanceled stamps and said it took any attempt to defraud it 'extremely seriously'.

"It's important that we collect all revenues to fund the Universal Service as letter volumes continue to decline. It's also important that everyone pays their way," a spokesman said.

"Royal Mail's priority is to cancel all stamps when a mail item enters the network to reduce the risk of fraud. We also have a range of revenue protection processes in place to identify and stop uncanceled stamps that have been re-used," he added.

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