



North York Coin Club

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THE BULLETIN FOR MARCH 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi again, fellow members:

Here it is March and we only have 4 meetings left, including this one, before our summer recess. So get out your BBQ's, tools, coolers and plan for a great summer.

There are lots of things to see and do again this year. We have the London O.N.A., the Niagara Falls C.N.A. and many coin shows in-between. There will be a trip to Ottawa, although it will be smaller than we previously anticipated, and we will still try to go for April 27 & 28.

Now, onto a more personal note:

I feel I am giving my best efforts to the Club, yet I seem to be failing in one area.

That is: My requested input, co-operation and feedback from you, the members.

Maybe there are more areas that I don't know about yet, that's because you haven't told me.

I have asked each of you collectively, at every opportunity, to bring a Guest, yet, only a very small group of members will do so. I have made other requests in my President's Messages and at the Club meetings, but all have gone un-answered or un-heeded.

So, I have to ask myself the basic questionWhy?

Well, I for one know that a lot of you have heard these pleas for so long that they are starting to fall on deaf ears, so to speak. Most of you have done whatever I try to offer.

A lot of you have held this position or a similar one and say to yourself, "I have done enough over the years." I cannot blame you for that.

However, let me tell you once again, that if we do not have a vast increase in our

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 27

We start gathering at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Jodie Sales is with the Bank of Canada's Ontario Region and is our guest speaker for this meeting. March has been declared Fraud Prevention Month and the bank is highlighting counterfeit detection. Jodie Sales joined the Bank of Canada's Ontario Regional Office as an Analyst in the spring of 2004. In this capacity, she promotes the Bank across Ontario and delivers its products, services and messages to key stakeholders. As an analyst at the Bank of Canada Ms. Sales builds and maintains relationships with members of the business and financial communities and acts as an important resource for law enforcement and government agencies as well as the general public. She is also involved with the Regional Office's outreach program, aimed at increasing public awareness of the anti-counterfeiting features on Canadian Bank Notes and explaining the role and responsibilities of the Bank of Canada to Ontarians.

Please Don't Forget: *We need some donations to our supply of draw prize material, and please bring some numismatic material for the auction.*

membership starting very soon, NYCC will be fading from the Club scene faster than a sunset in September.

I will make this plea one last time then you will not hear it from me again.

So, please, bring a guest as many times as you can, for the balance of the year. Collectors seem to come out of the woodwork, when and where we least expect them.

If you are not satisfied with my Presidency, then let me know, tell me the reasons and I will try to fix them. I am unable to do whatever it is you want, if you don't inform me.

So, let this be the end of my ranting for this month.

By the time you read this, we will have had our latest Executive meeting. A number of items were on the agenda, some items regular Club stuff, and some items more exciting. You will know the outcome soon.

Tony Hine is busy making preparations to write a proposal to the O.N.A. The intent is to try and have NYCC host either the 2009 or 2011 Convention. There are a number of good hotels here in North York, lots of parking and an abundance of good eateries. We are fortunate to have a wonderful Tourist & Convention bureau, which I am confident will be able to come up with lots of trips, events and outings for any and all of the visitors.

Enough said for today. See you on the 27th. Please bring some items for the Auction and if anyone has materials for the draw prize donations, bring those as well. We are really short in this area.

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MEETING NEWS OF THE FEBRUARY 2007 MEETING

The 522nd meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on February 27, 2007 at the Edithvale Community Centre, North York, Ontario. The meeting came to order at 7:35 p.m. with the President, Nick Cowan, in the chair and 27 members and 2 guests in attendance. The guests, Richard Duliunas and Ben Boelens, spoke briefly on their collecting interests.

Avner Bar-Moshe won the on-time attendance draw of \$2, so the pot continues to be \$2 for the March meeting.

The Secretary read the financial information from the January 2007 meeting. One correction was made to clarify that the proposed two-tier dues approach would have been to collect extra dues from those wishing that their bulletin be mailed. Notwithstanding the correction, a single-tier dues approach will be maintained. The minutes were then accepted. The Treasurer provided a monthly financial statement.

This being the anniversary meeting, the Club recognizes individuals who have maintained long-term memberships. For 25 years of continuous membership a life membership in the club is bestowed. Certificates and gold membership cards

were prepared for Leon Saraga and Frank Zahra. Leon was present to receive the honour and the President will personally see to delivery of the items to Frank.

The President repeated items from his bulletin message, including consideration of a different venue for the December meeting, a June meeting to take the form of a garden party at his home and the numismatic trip to Ottawa. Specifics of location and entertainment will be investigated for the December meeting and a show of hands was requested to indicate those with an interest in the Ottawa trip.

The President reported the receipt of letters of appreciation from Olive Bayliss, Committee Chair at Lansing United Church and Mark Aston, Executive Director the Women's Centre at the Fred Victor Mission in connection with the North York Coin Club Christmas gift.

O.N.A. President Tom Rogers was at the meeting and reminded everyone of the Annual Convention coming up April 20 - 22 in London.

Len Kuenzig was our guest speaker for the evening. He brought along an amazing col-

lection of Centennial year commemorative items and memorabilia, which he brought to life with extensive commentary. These printed items supplement his numismatic centennial collection, shown at an earlier meeting.

We thank Bill O'Brien for taking care of refreshments, especially the selection of three cakes that served as one of the highlights of this, our 47th anniversary meeting.

Bob Porter conducted the auction with Mark Argentino serving as auction manager and David Lemmond as runner. The auction alternated with the evening's Lucky Draw called by Bill O'Brien. Draw ticket sales were \$29 and the club earned \$10.78 in auction commission and donated material. Lucky Draw winners were Tony Hine (3), Franco Farronato (2), Richard Duliunas (2), Nick Cowan (2), Leon Saraga, Henry Nienhuis, Norman G. Gordon, Ben Boelens, John Regitko (2) and David Meranda. The Club thanks those who donated draw prize material, but the President made an appeal for more material since the shelf is getting pretty bare.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 17, Cambridge 16th Annual Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission. Coins, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria, CTC coupons at 51 tables.* For more information, contact Vince Vevidon, 519-622-6625 or Wolfe Derle, wolfe1937@hotmail.com.

MARCH 25, Leamington Annual Spring Show, Real Canadian Superstore, Community Room, 201 Talbot St. E. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free parking and admission.* For more information, contact Margaret Clarke, 519-735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.

MARCH 30-APRIL 1, Kingston EONS, Days Inn & Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. Hours: Fri. 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. opens 9:30 a.m. Auction Veiwing: Fri. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Auction commences Sat. at 7 p.m. Admission \$4 per*

day. Early admittance on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$20 good for the weekend. 50 tables of coins, paper money, militaria, jewelry and much more. Local coin club in attendance. For more information, contact: Ted Bailey, 1-866-747-2646, Fax 519-442-2969, tedscollectables@bell-net.ca.

APRIL 14, Guelph South Wellington Coin Society Spring Show, Colonel John McCrae Legion, 919 York Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *One of SW Ont's biggest shows, 50 dealer tables. Buy, sell, trade, appraisals. Coins, paper money, tokens, CTC coupons. Free parking, completely accessible. Large display area, hot meals. Admission \$2 Adults includes draw ticket for a gold coin, under 16 free.* For more information, contact Lowell Weirstra, 8 Smart Street, Guelph N1G 4K9, 519-824-6534.

APRIL 15, Chatham Kent Coin Club 2007 Annual Spring Coin Show, Wheels Inn, 615 Richnond St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission and parking. 25 dealer tables (coins and paper money for all interests), hourly draws and a raffle, displays with prizes in 10 categories.* For more information, contact Lou Wagenaer (President), 27 Peters St., Chatham ON N7M 5B2, 519-352-5477, lous@netro-ver.com.

APRIL 20-APRIL 22, London O.N.A. 2007 Convention at the Four Points Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Rd. S. Hours: bourse floor opens at 10:00 a.m. each day Saturday April 21 and Sunday April 22. Admission \$3 per day. For more information contact Tom Rogers, 519-451-2316, trogers@sympatico.ca and visit the web site <http://www.ontario-numismatic.org/convention.htm>

A DISTINGUISHED NORTH YORK COIN CLUB MEMBER

by Tony Hine

As this club celebrates its 47th birthday, the bulletin presents a vignette of a distinguished club member: Louise Horan Graham



Louise Horan was born on the fourth line in Albion, north of Toronto. Her grandparents lived on one side and her great-grandparents on the other. All born in Ireland, they were the pioneers of the Albion line.

She moved to Winnipeg in 1901, while Louise was still a baby. There, she was brought up and educated.

She became a collector at the tender age of 2 1/2 years, when she was taken to Donald Tobin's barbershop for a haircut. Mr. Tobin set her up on the chair with a board, put an apron around her, put a dab of soap on her chin and then put a Tobin Token in each of her hands. At one time she owned 20 Tobin pieces. She also collected bread and various other tokens.

Her father bought her a piggy bank, which was about eight inches high, and four inches square, a replica of the Bank of Montreal building. She put all her tokens in it.

None of the chums she played with collected money (in 1902), but she hung onto the tokens she had until she was nine.

A friend of the family was a streetcar conductor in Winnipeg. If he had a coin she didn't have, he let her have it. This practice continued for some time.

Her father died when she was eight and there was nobody else to help her with her collecting. Her uncle put the tokens in envelopes, cashed them in, and bought her a kewpie doll. (Probably the most expensive doll ever purchased.)

In 1927 she met and married her husband, Doug Graham, who was with C.P.R. Hotels. In 1929 her husband was transferred to Toronto to open the Royal York Hotel and it was there they came in contact with the concept of organized collecting for the first time. Doug went up Bay Street one day and bought his first coin catalogue, issued by Max Mehl. That was the first coin catalogue they had ever seen and it showed some Canadian coins. With this new information, they would visit all the pawnshops and other places in search of coins. Still, they had never met another coin collector.

One Saturday morning at the Royal York Hotel Doug got the function sheet on his desk and noted that there was a 'Toronto Coin Club Meeting, 1:30 P.M. in the York Room'. He immediately phoned Louise and told her he wasn't coming home as he was staying at the hotel for the meeting. He went to the meeting and joined at that time. It was his first chance to meet 12 other Toronto collectors. The Toronto Coin Club promoted itself with a table at the Hobby Show at the Canadian National Exhibition - not to buy or sell coins, just for display and to promote collecting.

Louise ultimately joined the club, rather reluctantly at first, as she was the only female member. She met Hector Mayes who lived very close to the Graham home and was elected into the office of Treasurer. That was the beginning of her long service to Canadian numismatics.

One day the club members started talking up the idea of hosting a coin convention. It took some time and a couple of trips to Ottawa to meet with L.J.P. (Pierre) Brunet, the C.N.A. President at the time. They became friends with both Pierre and J. Douglas Ferguson. The Graham's promoted the idea to the C.N.A. executive and a decision to go ahead was made at the end of February to hold the first C.N.A. Convention in 1954. It was too late to make arrangements for convention space at the Royal York, facilities there were booked far in advance, so it was held at the King Edward Hotel.

At the time the Toronto Coin Club had \$26 in the bank. They borrowed \$50 from Toronto Coin Club President Robillard and with the total of \$76 they ran the first convention. It was successful and they even made money. They didn't have enough money to issue a silver medal so they persuaded the King Edward to pay for half the die cost, which is why the King Edward is advertised on the reverse. The Toronto Coin Club was made up of about 20 members at the time of that first C.N.A. Convention.

The one dealer who came from Mexico was sold out by 12 noon and had no further need of his bourse table. Louise sold his table instantly as dealers were waiting for tables.

The social highlight was the first C.N.A. banquet, where Louise had the opportunity to meet some collector wives she had not come in contact with before. There were 97 at the banquet and 101 registered for the convention.

A short time after the convention Louise was nominated and elected General Secretary of the C.N.A., a position in which she served from 1954 until her retirement in 1971. Her home became a numismatic meeting place in North York, especially after the formation of the North York Coin Club in 1960.

Louise Graham was the 12th President of the C.N.A., serving from 1973 to 1975. She was Chairlady of the O.N.A. Convention in 1976, hosted by the North York Coin Club, and served as President of this Club as well as the Toronto Coin Club. She was responsible for prompting many women to join into numismatics, starting collections and going to meetings.

As the years went by she received many numismatic honours because of her service to the hobby. She received the O.N.A. Award of Merit in 1972 and the Ferguson Award in 1977 and she was made the North York Coin Club's first life member. The Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award was established in 1986 to honour her memory.

Indeed, she is the Grand Lady of Canadian Numismatics!

This article was prepared with research assistance from Dan Gosling, C.N.A. Librarian.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT LAUNCHES THE 25-CENT CURLING COIN TO COMMEMORATE THE VANCOUVER 2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA - February 21, 2007 - The Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) today officially released the first of 17 circulation coins to celebrate the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The popular winter sport of curling is depicted on the 25-cent coin. The coin was released during the 2007 Canadian Women's Curling Championship, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, one of Canada's premier women's sporting events, now being held in Lethbridge.

Speaking at the Lethbridge Curling Club, Ian E. Bennett, President and CEO of the RCM, said: "This is the first coin in the most extensive circulation program in relation to the Olympic Games ever conceived by any mint worldwide. With these coins, every Canadian will have a chance to connect with the Games and hold on to a lasting reminder of what is sure to be a very special time in our history."

The 25-cent curling coin will start to circulate on February 23, 2007 and will be available exclusively at participating RBC

**A press release from the
Royal Canadian Mint:
Curling is the first sport featured
in a series of 17 special coins
going into circulation
over the next three years.**

Royal Bank branches and Petro Canada outlets. RBC is a Premier National Partner and Petro-Canada is a National Partner of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games. Canadians can also look for these special coins in their change. Up to 22 million coins will go into circulation. Participating Petro-Canada outlets will also sell a curling sports card, containing a painted version of the curling coin. The sports cards will sell for \$7.95 and will also be released on February 23.

Curling was, most recently, a demonstration sport at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games and was accepted as a full

medal sport in 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano. Including 1998, both the Canadian men's and women's teams have won medals in every Olympic Winter Games since.

"Curling is very proud of it's outstanding, albeit short, Olympic heritage and we are excited to be working with the Canadian Mint on the launch of this 2010 Olympic Coin series." said Donna Duffett, President of the Canadian Curling Association Board "the eyes of the world will be on Vancouver in 2010 and Canadian curling will, once again, be expected to be front and center when the medals are awarded. We have every intention to fulfill that expectation," concluded Duffett.

Designed by Canadian artist Glen Green, the coin features a curler in the centre, a stylized maple leaf and the words Vancouver 2010. The obverse features the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt.

Additionally, for enthusiasts and serious collectors in Canada and abroad, the RCM has introduced a sterling silver collector version of the curling coin. The design features the sport of curling and a unique hologram. The sterling silver coin was designed by Canadian artist Steve Hepburn and retails for \$69.95 .

BACKGROUND

In June, 2006, the Royal Canadian Mint became an Official Supporter of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games with the signing of an agreement with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC).

The RCM has exclusive rights for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in the Minting of circulation, Precious Metal and Base Metal Numismatic and Bullion Coins product and service category and will also be responsible for minting the athlete medals.

Over the next three years, the Royal Canadian Mint will put into circulation 17 coins in Canada featuring designs related to the 2010 Winter Games. Thirty-six limited mintage collector coins and sets will also be offered.



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Casey Scheidegger, Alberta Junior Provincial champion (from left); Donna Duffett, president of the Canadian Curling Association; Ian Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint; and Amy Nixon, 2006 Olympic bronze medalist, officially release the 25-cent curling coin at the Lethbridge Curling Club in Lethbridge, Alberta, Wednesday, February 21, 2007. The coin is the first of 17 circulation coins to celebrate the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games

2010 OLYMPIC CIRCULATING COINS FOR 2007



Curling, February 23, 2007



Ice Hockey, April 4, 2007



Paralympic Winter Games - Wheelchair Curling, July 11, 2007



Biathlon, September 12, 2007



Alpine Skiing, October 24, 2007

New UK £20 Note Hits the Streets

The UK's most common banknote is set for a relaunch as newly-designed £20 notes hit the streets for the first time since 1999.

The Bank of England's new note will bear the image of 18th century economist Adam Smith, renowned for his Wealth of Nations analysis on free markets. He is the first Scot to feature on a banknote.

Customers at the cash machine will find the new £20 in a brighter purple colour to make it more recognisable, although it will be the same size as its predecessor.

The new note will also feature a larger silver hologram and metallic thread recognition strip to combat fraudsters as well as a new security colour tag which shows up under ultra-violet light.

Around 350,000 forged £20 notes were discovered last year.

The Bank of England's chief cashier Andrew Bailey said: "We do not have a serious counterfeiting problem in this country, but because it is the most common note it is the one that has proved most attractive to counterfeiters."



The Bank of England issued a new-style £20 note on 13 March 2007. The note features Adam Smith, one of the fathers of modern economics, on the back and incorporates enhanced security features. It is the same size and predominantly the same colour as the old-style £20 note that features Sir Edward Elgar on the back.

There are 1.3 billion £20 notes currently in circulation designed with a portrait of composer Sir Edward Elgar, which will gradually be phased out over the next two years.

According to UK payments association APACS, the £20 note accounted for 66% of all notes dispensed by British cash machines in the last quarter of 2006.

Spokeswoman Sandra Quinn said: "Most of us are likely to see one of these new £20 notes at a cash machine as it's where many of these new notes will first be dispensed. We are all still carrying around quite a bit of cash because, despite our continuing love affair with our cards, cash remains first choice for small value payments such as for a pint of milk or our morning paper."

The £10 note is the second commonest note, with 550 million in circulation, and carries the picture of Charles Darwin, famous for his theory of natural selection. The £5 note was the last note to be relaunched in May 2002, featuring a picture of prison reformer Elizabeth Fry.

WINSTON CHURCHILL CASHES IN ON BRITISH VOTE

Would you rather be saving Winstons? On the eve of Adam Smith replacing Edward Elgar on the new £20 note, a poll on behalf of Virgin Money shows that three-quarters of us have no idea who Adam Smith is—or what the Scottish economist's achievements in the dismal science were. Britons have instead called for classic British icons Winston Churchill and Emmeline Pankhurst to be immortalised on our money.

One in ten Brits believe Smith, 'the father of economics' who will appear on notes from 13 March, was a politician and 15% think he was an artist. Some more bizarre guesses on Smith's claim to fame included that he was a footballer, a landscape gardener or 'brother of John Smith—the beer maker.'

Britain's greatest statesman, orator and Second World War leader Winston Churchill won more than 52% of the vote,

comfortably topping the male list. He swept the board, beating other much-respected greats including Stephen Hawking(8%), John Lennon(7%) and Spike Milligan (7%).

Churchill of course had a great understanding of the value of financial planning, "Saving is a fine thing. Especially when your parents have done it for you." Milligan took the more existentialist view, "Money can't buy you happiness but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery."

First in the female list was Emmeline Pankhurst(26%), who led the movement to win the right for women to vote and would no doubt welcome the current Equalities Review. She topped the list of females finishing just ahead of Diana, Princess of Wales (23%), with Jane Austen (12%), Margaret Thatcher (11%) and Beatrix Potter (9%) also polling highly.

The Governor of the Bank of England makes the final decision on who appears on new banknotes. The Bank has celebrated the lives of eminent British personalities on the

back of bank notes since 1970. A spokesman for the bank said,"It is usual practice to consider a number of probable candidates all of whom have been selected because of their indisputable contribution to their particular field of work and about whom there exists sufficient material on which to base a banknote design."

Older heads may remember the last pound note on which Newton appeared—it was known by many colloquially as an Isaac. When it was replaced by the Thatcher government by the pound coin, the latter was nicknamed a Maggie—Mrs Thatcher as she then was did not appear on the coin but the nickname was said by wags to be because the coin was "thick, brassy and thinks its a sovereign." Further back in time, in the 1970s, some may recall the diplomatic triumph of putting the Duke of Wellington and a depiction of the battle of Waterloo on the £5 note just as the UK joined what was then the European Economic Community.

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