



North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 8 P.M. AT
Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York

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Next meeting

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 1995, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. Our feature for the meeting will be the slide set A selection of Olympic Coins and Medals by Al Drigea of Ottawa. Mr. Drigea is noted for exhibiting his fine Olympic collection and his knowledge of this area of topical collecting. Paul Johnson was aware of some of his writings on the subject and prompted Mr. Drigea to prepare the set. A random selection of his pieces are shown in this 47-slide set. This CNA set is now four to five years old but has never been viewed by the Club. We hope you can join us for our June meeting.

And please do not forget that an informal July meeting is also scheduled this year. The meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday, July 25. No bulletin will be mailed. This is the only reminder of the meeting you will receive.

President's Message

It's only a few short days away! The club is holding it's anniversary dinner on the evening of June 24 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 66, 6 Spring Garden Avenue, Willowdale. (That's 1 block north of Sheppard Avenue and east of Yonge Street.) Everyone is welcome at the dinner. Tickets sell for \$7.50 to members and \$15. to others. C.N.A. President Dr. Marvin Kay is the guest speaker. Included with the ticket in addition to the meal are draw prizes and a commemorative wood marking both the 35th anniversary of the Club and its 400th meeting. Check with Harvey Farrow if you are interested at (416) 923-5545 to see if any last-minute tickets are available.

As mentioned last month, bourse tables are now available for the September 23, 1995, show. The tables are six feet in length and are \$15. Contact Ron Zelk if you are interested.

Coming Events

1. Torex Show, June 24 and 25, Pearson Ballroom, Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Street, Toronto.
June 24: 10am-5pm June 25 10am-3pm
Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 260-9070
2. Canadian Numismatic Association 1995 Convention, July 19-23, Calgary, AB
3. Collingwood Coin and Stamp Club 21st Annual Show, August 19, 10am-4pm, Leisure Time Centre, 100 Minnesota St, Collingwood
Info: Bradley Green, Box 565, Collingwood, L9Y 3Z5
3. North York Coin Club Show, Saturday, September 23, 10am-5pm, Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York, FREE ADMISSION

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News from the May 23, 1995 Meeting

The 396th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, May 23, 1995. The President, Ron Zelk, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. sharp and welcomed 26 members and 2 guests.

Al Bliman was pleased to accept the \$4 prize from the On Time Attendance Draw. The pot returns to \$2 for the June meeting. There being no junior members in attendance, the mint box was not passed. An application for membership from Del Murchison was accepted and he becomes member number 495.

Ten members took advantage of the "say your piece" theme and spoke on topics of interest.

Fred Jewett brought to mind the first display of Canadian Tire Money at the ONA convention in 1962. He reflected on how it seemed so out of place then and how popular it is today.

Jack Rabkin gave a brief but interesting history regarding the Israeli schekle notes... they vary in size according to denomination.

Al Bliman related his involvement in the first printing of Simpsons-Sears' gift certificates in 1978/79 on security paper by the Canadian Banknote Company. He displayed specimens of the certificates.

Roger Fox read a communique from the Canadian Tire Head Office directing cashiers to withdraw old notes for use at the Gas Bar from circulation and commented that anyone holding these notes may wish to set them aside.

Del Murchison brought along six coins and asked for assistance from anyone in attendance with their identification.

Paul Johnson presented a recent book purchase entitled **Coin Facts and Feats**. The book was purchased in London and was published by Seaby.

Paul Petch didn't have any facts, just some opinions. He commented that there is probably more Canadian Tire Money in the hands of children than in the hands of adults. He showed a Bouquet Sou token which he says gets his vote as the second most artistic Canadian design following the Voyageur Dollar.

Marvin Kay reported he recently attended the APNA Convention in the Maritimes and

commented on the money called "Hours" that they are circulating in the community to increase business. He also presented an extensive file of information on a 1904 medical piece depicting an Indian doctor which has given him many enjoyable hours of research activity.

Rick Craig passed around a French coinage book which had information dating from 1670

Jeremy Bushill concluded the programme with comments on a humorous ad in the CCN regarding the sale of a looney.

We thank Ted Boxall for providing refreshments during the break.

The lucky draw winners were: Bob Velensky, Avram Zak, Dion Van Laethem(2), Lucille Colson, Albert Kasman, Tom Wilson, Pat White, Norman G. Gordon, Ron Zelk, May Bunnett, Jean Orr(2) and Mark Lamantia.

An auction of 21 lots was run by Bob Porter with the assistance of Ron Zelk. Many thanks go to Marvin Kay and Jack Rabkin for their donations.

The meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Question-of-the-Month

The question for June is "How much were Judas Iscariot's 30 pieces of silver worth, and what would they be worth today?" Thanks to Marvin Kay for contributing this interesting question.

Our May question: What material does the Royal Canadian Mint use to plate its dies before use? Why does it do this? The die faces are given a thin plating of chromium in order to make the dies more durable and to impart a smoother and more brilliant finish to the coins.

It makes you think...

A couple of interesting thoughts from American collectors:

What building appears on the loonie? The answer: none. Only the Queen and a loon appear. (The 1992 commemorative \$1 shows the Peace Tower... so that disqualifies it as being a "loon"ie, doesn't it?)

Maybe those Susan B. Anthony dollars sitting around in bags would not be so hated and would circulate if they were plated like the Canadian \$1 coin...

We hope to see you at the Meeting