

Annual Business Meeting

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 1997, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive.

As our headline announces, this is the annual business meeting. With no change to the executive this year, the prime feature will be the review of the annual financial statement.

As is our tradition during the darkest of the winter months, there will be no guest speaker. We are calling on members present to share a story or some interesting piece, perhaps a recent addition, from their collection.

Member Participation Night on Tuesday, January 28...

***Bring a story or show and tell
item for the other members.***

President's Message

By the time you read this it's getting a little late for wishes for a Happy New Year, but these good wishes are extended none the less. May you have an outstanding 1997!

Your Coin Club Executive met on January 15 and was faced with a very full agenda. I'll provide some of the news here and we'll have some discussion at the next meeting.

- We will be holding our annual Coin Show in the Fall. The preferred date is September 27 with October 4 as an alternate.

- Many membership renewals have already gone out with the December Bulletin and more are on their way with this one. If you have not sent in your 1997 dues yet, please do so right away.
- The North York Coin Club supports the ONA's annual Dream Vacation draw. Albert Kasman promises to have books of tickets available for the January meeting. Be sure to pick up a book or two to sell to your friends and co-workers. The price continues to be \$2 a ticket with a free ticket to the seller and revenue coming back to the Club for each book sold.
- There are two important subjects for discussion at the January meeting. The first is the Club's support for Harvey Farrow's campaign for election as ONA President. The second is a bid from this Club to host the 1997 C.N.A. Convention. Your Executive is prepared to recommend some bold and exciting ideas. **Don't miss your chance to contribute to the discussion and the decisions.**
- Your Club Executive is watching with interest (and some concern) to find out what effect megacity plans and North York Parks and Recreation funding will have on access to our meeting space at Edithvale. No bad news so far, and we hope there won't be any!

Finally, there were a couple of excellent suggestions made by Marvin Kay. There may exist some good opportunities to enjoy a shared meeting with some other group... a situation where their special interest and our overlap. One not-very-creative example would be "coins on stamps" with the Stamp Club. If you have any creative thoughts, let the President or one of the other Executive members know. He also suggested turning this bulletin from a forum for Club announcements into a publication that would be a true "keeper". This would

be through the addition of articles written by the members or by including reprints of articles from other sources. Perhaps you have something to share!

Need to contact the President? Phone calls are welcome at **416-745-3067** (leave a voice mail message if you can't get through in person) and e-mail may be sent to **petchp@ican.net**.

Coming Events

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Numismatic Network Canada

SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS COIN AND COLLECTABLE SHOW

February 2, 1997, at the Special Events Building, Paris Fair Grounds, 139 Silver St., Paris, ON. Admission \$1. Includes draw ticket for Gold Coin. For more information contact Ted Bailey at (519) 442-3474.

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February 22-23, 1997, at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto, ON. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Daily admission \$5.00 (G.S.T. included). For more information contact Ingrid K. Smith at (416) 260-9070.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW

April 12, 1997, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St. E. across from Center Mall. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$1 includes draw ticket. Free Parking, Lunch Bar. For more information contact Nancy Kanerva at (905) 319-3817 or George Butt at (905) 3335-9444.

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O.N.A. CONVENTION

April 18-20, 1997, at the Ramada Inn, Windsor, ON. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the WINDSOR COIN CLUB. See the ONA web page for more details. For more information contact S. J. Coblentz at 500 Elinor, Windsor, Ontario N8P 1E4, or Ron Binder at (519) 254-6855.

Meeting News from the December 12 Meeting

The 412th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Thursday, December 12, 1996, at the Edithvale Community Centre. The President, Paul Petch, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed twenty-one members and three guests.

Gary Doran was not present to claim the On Time Attendance Draw prize so the pot grows to \$8 for the January meeting.

At the suggestion of pretty well all in attendance, the Chicken Chalet Christmas Dinners that were going cold were served prior to the business meeting. And, as usual, there was a fine assortment of buffet table goodies available. Many thanks are extended to Jean Orr, Marg and Roger Fox, Carolyne-Marie Petch, Norman G. Gordon, Brian and Lyan See, Paul Johnson, May Bunnet and Lucille Colson for their contributions. Special thanks also to Ron Zelk for picking up and serving the dinners. For entertainment, Lucille provided three sets of quizzes and everyone participated wholeheartedly. A gift exchange was squeezed between the first and second quiz. The Chair then called the meeting to order. The minutes of the November 26, 1996, meeting were read. Ted Boxall noted that Wednesday meetings planned for July and August are still open for confirmation. Following the last meeting, Marvin Kay presented an envelope containing foreign coins to the Club on behalf of Mr. Anthony Michael. A thank you note has been forwarded.

Items from our lucky draw and donation auction were offered alternately. Draw winners were: Ted Boxall, Dion Van-Laethem(2), Del Murchison(2), Pat White, Harvey Farrow, Lucille Colson(2), Norm Belsten, Brian See, Lyan See, Norman G. Gordon(2) and Carolyne-Marie Petch. Thanks to Roger Fox for conducting the draw. The auction, ably run by Bob Porter with the assistance of Basil Latham, brought in \$17. Our thanks to Al Bliman, Paul Johnson, George Fraser, Jack Rabkin, Norman G. Gordon and Frank Zahra for their donations.

There being no further business, the Chair extended warmest Season's Greetings and closed the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Royal Canadian Mint

The Royal Canadian Mint's Internet World Wide Web site has been active with RCM news and promotion.

Background information on our circulating coins appears there and it is accompanied by some interesting 1996 mintage statistics. Here are the numbers as they appeared in mid-January. They're not final or official mintage figures for 1996, but I'm sure they won't change much.

Mintage to date for 1996 Canadian Coinage

1 cent	445,745,510
5 cent	36,494,373
10 cent	34,280,827
25 cent	27,388,901
50 cent	457,748
1 dollar	17,101,171
2 dollar	363,289,715

(The "scarce" 1991 25 cent had a mintage of 459,000)

1997 Silver Dollar Press Release

OTTAWA, January 15, 1997 -- The Honourable Diane Marleau, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint, along with 1972 Team Canada players Paul Henderson and Yvan Cournoyer and U.S.S.R. goal tender, Vladislav Tretiak, today launched a special commemorative silver dollar which celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Team Canada victory in the 1972 Canada-U.S.S.R. hockey series.

At the coin striking ceremony, held at the Royal Canadian Mint's Ottawa Plant, Madame Marleau and the players assisted with the production of some of the first coins. The ceremony was also officiated by Danielle Wetherup, President and Master of the Mint. In addition, Murray Costello, President of Canadian Hockey, officially launched Royal Bank Canadian Hockey week.

The design on the reverse side of the coin captures the winning goal scored by 1972 Team Canada player, Paul Henderson. The coin, which features an image of Henderson, Cournoyer, Phil Esposito and Tretiak moments after the historic goal, is one of the Mint's 1997 numismatic collector products.

"Almost every Canadian over the age of 30 remembers watching those 1972 games. When Paul Henderson scored the winning goal to take the series, the whole country

was ecstatic," said Madame Marleau. "I am pleased to see this moment captured on our 1997 silver dollar coin."

The Minister stressed that the theme of the 1997 commemorative silver dollar coin also celebrates the qualities which sports such as hockey teach young athletes in Canada and around the world: good sportsmanship, teamwork and self-discipline.

Henderson said, "I'm honoured the Mint has chosen to feature the 25th anniversary of the '72 series and our goal on this coin. It will certainly help keep those wonderful memories alive for a very long time."

The design for the reverse side of coin was created by Toronto artist Walter Burden who creates poster prints with a particular emphasis on sports. His rendering was inspired from a painting by André L'Archevêque which is part of London Life's "Great Moments in Canadian Sport" collection. The effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appears on the obverse side of the coin.

The coin will be available for sale on January 20, 1997 at a cost of \$29.95 for the proof dollar and \$19.95 for the brilliant uncirculated version. The coins can be ordered through the Mint by calling 1-800-267-1871.

The Royal Canadian Mint is the Crown Corporation responsible for the minting and distribution of Canada's circulation coins. The Royal Canadian Mint is recognized as one of the largest and most versatile mints in the world. Over the years, the Mint has successfully diversified its operations and extended the scope of its marketing activities beyond Canada's borders and now offers a wide range of specialized, high-quality coinage products and related services on an international scale.



The 1997 Silver Dollar design... taken from the RCM Internet Web site.