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Summertime Schedules

We've had to change the schedule for our August meeting. The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held Wednesday, August 23, 1995, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. The Community Centre has introduced summer hours that force early closing on Tuesdays. We have moved our meeting night to Wednesday for our next meeting only. We hope that this change will not prevent you from attending what promises to be an outstanding meeting.

Even the mailing of this bulletin has been subject to some summer schedules. It is being printed and is hitting the mailbox for Tuesday, August 15, pick up. Your editor has been on vacation and travelling since the start of August, preparing the copy on a lap top. Hope that the Post Office gets it to you in jig time . . .

Next meeting

The featured topic for the August meeting is the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course. This course has been in active preparation for the past three years with much hard work and the participation of many dedicated individuals. For this meeting, Course Committee and North York Coin Club members Paul Johnson (Course Chair), Dr. Marvin Kay and Paul Petch are expected to be joined by fellow Committee members Ted Banning and Brian Cornwell and contributing author Susan Maltby. Club members have enjoyed hearing from each of these people as speakers over the last couple of years, but for this meeting they will all be talking about their contributions to the Correspondence Course project.

The Course had its official launch Saturday, July 22 at this year's CNA convention. This will be the first opportunity for members to hear all about the course and purchase their own copy (\$35. for CNA members, \$45. for nonmembers.) Please see the press release attachment included with your bulletin for more course information and join us at the meeting for some fascinating insight into its development and more details on its content.

President's Message

Thanks to all the people who joined us at the 35th anniversary dinner on June 24. We had a near-capacity turn out with many club members, spouses and out-of-town guests. Look for a report elsewhere in this bulletin.

Paul Johnson was awarded the J.D.Ferguson award for 1995 during the CNA Convention in Calgary. I am sure that everyone will want to join with me in extending their congratulations to Paul. His many long years of hard work in support of the CNA and organized numismatics make him a deserving recipient of this coveted award. We'll have a full report on CNA events from Harvey Farrow at the next meeting.

We are now about only one month away from our annual coin show on September 23, 1995. Bourse tables are available. The tables are six feet in length and are \$15. Contact Ron Zelk if you are interested.

News from the June 27, 1995 Meeting

The 397th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held Tuesday, June 27, 1995. The President, Ron Zelk, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. sharp and welcomed 21 members.

The on time attendance draw was missed by Paul Petch. The pot grows to \$4 for the August meeting. (Paul was home sick recovering from a bout of laryngitis . . . the same problem that prevented him from serving as the master of ceremonies at the 35th anniversary dinner.) There being no junior members present, the mint box was not passed.

Ron Zelk recounted some highlights from the dinner and Harvey Farrow provided details on the draw prize winners. See the report on the dinner in its own section of this bulletin.

Members were reminded that the July meeting would be informal in nature and would be run by Paul Petch as the President would still be returning from the CNA Convention. (As it turned out, the President DID make it back in time, but the meeting hall space was cancelled on short notice. The "meeting" took place in the parking lot with 13 members attending.

Coin chat started about 6:45 and by 8:30, with the onset of dusk, the last of the members was rolling out. Thanks for bringing news from the CNA Convention Marvin Kay, Ron Zelk and Paul Johnson. Because the room was not available, this did not count as a meeting so our October, 1995, meeting will be number 400.)

Our medical numismatics specialist, Dr. Marvin Kay, appeared during the June meeting and offered a few specimens including some articles and two medals about Dr. Jonas Salk, the leader of a team who created a polio vaccine in the 1950's. Dr. Salk had just passed away on June 23, 1995. At the time of his death, he was still putting forth his energy in medical research contributing to a team working on the AIDS virus.

Paul Johnson kindly delivered the evening's slide presentation but had to immediately set off again so he could have some car problems corrected. While Ron Zelk was in the process of setting up, Ted Boxall stepped in and provided refreshments for an early break. Once ready, Ron presented the slide set "A Selection of Olympic Coins and Medals" courtesy of the CNA. Our thanks to Paul for obtaining the set and to Ron for running the show and reading the commentary.

The lucky draw winners were: Roger Fox(2), Ben Walters, Ted Boxall(2), Harvey Farrow(2), Fred Jewett(2), May Bunnett and Russ Brown.

An auction of 19 lots was run by Bob Porter with the assistance of Basil Lathem. Many thanks to May Bunnett, Marvin Kay and Jack Rabkin for their donations.

The meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Question-of-the-Month

The question for August is one that some members may have seen before. We are giving credit to Marvin Kay again this month for reminding us of this great old teaser: Why is the "\$" the symbol for the dollar?

The question for June was: "How much were Judas Iscariot's 30 pieces of silver worth, and what would they be worth today?" Del Murchison had done a bit of research and explained that the pieces were equal to a soldier's pay for four months or the cost of replacing a person's faithful servant. Numismatically, each piece today could fetch between \$300. and \$1000. depending upon its condition. This was a nice bit of research, Dell

Another source says that the blood money the Romans paid to Judas to betray Jesus could be worth just about anything, depending upon how you look at it. During Jesus's time, Jerusalem was a cosmopolitan city with many money changers, so there were several types of currency in circulation. Even experts do not agree on what monetary system the coins came from, but here are a few of the possibilities.

One coin used in the area at the time was the Greek drachm. A skilled labourer earned about 120 drachma in a year. Today it is worth about \$2. for its silver content. Another was the denarius, a silver currency used for dealings with Rome. In the first century A.D. a top civil servant might have a salary of 50,000 denarii a year. He could buy a slave boy for 175 denarii, or a litre of wine for 10. A labourer was paid one denarius for a day's work. There is about 11 cents worth of silver in a denarius at today's prices. Finally, the coin most often used for local dealings was the shekel. It was worth four denarii, and contained about 42 cents worth of silver at today's prices.

Closing in on a portion of Del's answer, a shekel is worth about \$400 to a collector today, although a perfect specimen might fetch \$1000. The custom of "blood money" dictated that 30 shekels was fair payment for the accidental death of a servant.

Some scholars believe the actual cash payment to Judas could have been any amount, and that the "30 pieces of silver" mentioned in St. Matthew's gospel was a cultural reference--a figure of speech.

This material came from "That's A Good Question, Canada" edited by Ty Reynolds (copyright, 1990 by the CBC) via Marvin Kay.

35th Anniversary Dinner

There were 43 members, spouses and guests present at the 35th anniversary dinner held on June 24 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Willowdale. Besides a fine meal, those present received a commemorative wood marking both the 35th anniversary of the Club and its 400th meeting which will occur in October of this year.

Throughout the evening there were draw prizes presented, beginning with smaller prizes at the start and ending with the grand prizes at the end. Drawings were conducted by members of the head table and by those who had already won.

Lucille Colson: Charlton Colonial Token Workbook donated by Ron Zelk, John Regitko, Albert Kasman through the 50/50 draw from the Stratford Dinner Banquet, June 12, 1995

Aline Murchison: 1994 O.N.A. Bronze medal donated from Club stock

Rick Craig: 1995 O.N.A. Bronze medal donated by Ron Zelk

Tom Wilson: Charlton Catalogue of Canadian Colonial Tokens donated by Ron Zelk, John Regitko, Albert Kasman through the 50/50 draw from the Stratford Dinner Banquet, June 12, 1995

Monina Regitko: 1993 C.P.M.S. Yearly Journal, donated by Dick Dunn through the Canadian Paper Money Society

Basil Latham: Royal Canadian Mint Lapel Pin donated by Marvin Kay through the Royal Canadian Mint

Cathy Dunn: 1986 C.N.A. Bronze medal donated from club stock

Ted Boxall: 1978 Canadian proof-like set donated from club stock

Sondra Kay: 1986 C.N.A./N.Y.C.C. set of three \$3.00 Trade Dollars donated from club stock

Harvey Farrow: 1995 Canadian Proof Silver Dollar, club purchase for 35th anniversary dinner prize

Paul Petch: 1995 Canadian Double Dollar set, club purchase for 35th anniversary dinner prize

Our after dinner guest speaker was C.N.A.

President Marvin Kay. "There are many important and interesting facts that come with 35 years of North York Coin Club history," he observed. "I'm going to explore some of them by using all the letters of the alphabet. I've got one card here for each letter and I'm going to invite you to give me words or names that begin with that letter." Marvin then worked his way through the letters in the sequence of his queue cards. Holding up each card in turn, he presented some thoughts on club history that he had prepared and considered. Blended with these ideas came creative contributions from the dinner audience, volunteered on the spur of the moment as memories and recollections occurred to people.

Here is the North York Coin Club's 35th Anniversary Alphabet. It is presented in the same order in which Marvin flashed his cards and with all the audience's ideas woven in . . . just as it naturally unfolded during the evening:

A is for our anniversary: 35 years of North York Coin Club history.

B is for Bunnett: Ken Bunnett was our second president, May Bunnett our first secretary

C for the Central Library where our first meeting was held in February, 1960

G is to remind us that we have a good club and that we have to work to keep it this way

M is for the Memorial Hall, now demolished, which was both our second and, once new facilities were built, forth meeting place

D is for the diversified numismatic interests of our members

K is for the Kane Funeral Home... which served as the temporary Memorial Hall during construction and our third meeting place

S is for the sparkling and successful local, O.N.A. and C.N.A. events we have hosted

E is for the Edithvale Community Centre, our fifth meeting place

Q is the quality which goes into each of our meetings

H is for Harvey Farrow who has served on every executive and served as President for more time than any other member

P is for Porter: Bob Porter has been a most able and entertaining auctioneer for many years

O is for Orr: Jean Orr was our first life member

I is for the interesting meetings and our industrious and intellectual members

J is for John Curtis, our first President

L is for the longevity of the club

Z is for the zest and zeal of our members (and sometimes for President Ron Zelk when he scores a correct answer on the question of the month)

Y is for our youth... we don't have enough!

R is for this chance to reflect and reminisce on our hard-earned reputation

V is for the versatility of our members and the visitors who are always warmly received and so often go on to become new members

T is for the talent always in evidence from our many experts in so many fields, some of

whom have served as C.N.A. and O.N.A. Presidents and on Executive committees

W is for the warm welcome extended by wonderful people and the work which has provided the foundation for the club's wealth

X is for the unknown... and the uncertainty of the future

"and what letters do we still have left to use?" Marvin asked. "Well, they are"

F) reminding us that

U) the main reason we're here is

N) to have a good time!

Marvin Kay concluded by thanking the audience for its participation and Harvey Farrow for sharing his memories and records, all of which enabled him to present the ABC's of the North York Coin Club.

Coming Events

1. Hamilton Coin Show, Saturday, September 9, 9am-4pm, Royal Canadian Legion, Barton Street, Hamilton
Info: N. Kanerva, (905) 319-3817
2. Woodstock Coin Club 6th Annual Coin, Card and Stamp Show, September 10, 9am-4pm, C.A.W. Hall, 126 Beale Street, Woodstock
Info: Woodstock Coin Club, c/o 549 Grace Street, Woodstock, N4S 4N7
3. North York Coin Club Show, Saturday, September 23, 10am-5pm, Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York, FREE ADMISSION
4. London Numismatic Society 3rd Annual Coin Show, September 24, 10am-5pm, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401)
Info: Ted Leitch, 543 Kininvie Dr., London, N6G 1P1
5. International Collectors' Fair, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1, Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Info: Paul Fiocca, Trajan Publishing, 103 Lakeshore Rd. Suite 202, St. Catharines, L2N 2T6

We hope to see you at our Wednesday meeting



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CORRESPONDENCE COURSE COMMITTEE

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FROM THE DESK OF JOHN REGITKO

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JULY 25, 1995 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

One of the most ambitious numismatic projects ever undertaken in Canada was unveiled at a special gathering during the 1995 Canadian Numismatic Association's 1995 Convention in Calgary, Alberta.

For the past three years, the Chairman of the Canadian Numismatic Association's Educational and Library Committee, Paul Johnson, has been hard at work steering a committee of dedicated numismatists to bring the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course from conception to completion.

The idea of a numismatic correspondence course on Canadian numismatics had been discussed for a number of years. However, the mandate to begin preparation of the proposed course was given by the Canadian Numismatic Association executive at their July 1992 meeting. Since the primary aim of the association is to encourage and promote the science of numismatics by acquirement and study of coins, paper money, medals, tokens and all other numismatic items, with special emphasis of material pertaining to Canada, it was only fitting that the CNA should undertake such a vast project.

Paul Johnson, a well-known and respected numismatist, was appointed its Chairman after a monetary grant was approved by the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA), a registered Canadian non-profit organization, to subsidize this numismatic correspondence course.

The finished product includes twelve separate chapters on a wide range of Canadian numismatic topics, which Serge Pelletier spent countless hours formatting on computer as well as assuming the responsibility for the correspondence course's design and layout. Ted Banning's task of inputting the text into a computer, were also monumental. Thanks to Paul Fiocca of Trajan Publishing, publishers of Canadian Coin News and other national hobby publications, for consenting to print the course contents. Ted Leitch also spent countless hours on the photography for the course, consisting of hundreds of photographs.

The course includes chapters on Canadian circulating coinage, Canadian commemorative coinage, Canadian paper money, "extinct" Canadian coinage, other forms of money, a detailed description on the coining process at the Royal Canadian Mint, tips on building your collection, collecting strategies, housing and storing a collection, grading of Canadian coinage and a section on the numismatic organizations in Canada. Each of the twelve chapters include a series of fifteen questions which will serve to test the knowledge of the text. Participants are required to answer these questions at the end of every chapter and submit them to the course administrator. A Certificate of Completion will be issued when the course is completed.

The course price, thanks to the subsidy from NESA, is \$35.00 for CNA members, \$45.00 for non-members (U.S. mailing addresses should remit in U.S. funds). These prices include all applicable taxes, the shipping of the 12 chapters and a binder, and upon completion, the mailing of the Certificate of Completion.

A special Library Edition (cerlox bound) is available to both members and non-members at \$40.00 postpaid (U.S. mailing addresses remit in U.S. funds). This is mailed out at one time and does not require the completion of the questions following the 12 chapters (no Certificate of Completion will be issued).

Cheques, money orders or bank drafts, made payable to the Canadian Numismatic Association, should be mailed to the CNA at P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2, Canada.

A detailed description of each of the chapters follows:

CHAPTER 1

Introduces students of numismatics to the modern business of minting money. This examination of Canada's current coinage includes a study of the designs in use and the evolving changes in metallic content. All course participants, whether novice or seasoned veterans, will gain insight into the coinage making up their pocket change.

CHAPTER 2

A chronological review of Canada's commemorative coinage beginning with the 1935 silver dollar and ending with the Canada 125 programme. In addition to documenting the coin commemorating each event, this chapter goes inside the mint and the offices of government to describe events leading up to the striking of each issue.

CHAPTER 3

Learn about the production of a Canadian coin, from the time its design is conceived to its striking and inspection before release to the public. Learn about some of the marks and symbols that occur on the coins and about interesting errors and varieties that can occur during production.

CHAPTER 4

Discusses coins that used to circulate in Canada and the colonies from which it was formed, and how those coins came to be discontinued.

CHAPTER 5

Discusses money in other forms than decimal coinage. These include tokens, banknotes, scrip, cheques, credit cards and bills of exchange.

CHAPTER 6

Examines the role of paper money in Canada's monetary history: the development of early paper money, notes of the chartered banks, obsolete notes, and notes of the Dominion of Canada and the Bank of Canada.

CHAPTER 7

Presents ideas of how to focus your collecting activity. So many different paths are available to the budding numismatist, and this section deals with some popular strategies, beginning with ones that focus on Canadian coins and paper money.

CHAPTER 8

Buying coins, participating in auctions, coin economics, dealers and avoiding problem coins are discussed.

CHAPTER 9

Learn how to protect your collection from costly damage. Reviews various materials, both safe and unsafe, that are often found in holders and cases, and gives advice on how to handle and store numismatic items.

CHAPTER 10

Provides the novice grader with a basic understanding of the terminology of coin grading, along with some helpful tips on the handling of coins. Some discussion also takes place about cleaning coins, processed coins and counterfeit coinage.

CHAPTER 11

Focuses on some important practical considerations that arise as part of the grading process. Most involve simple common sense. Their real effectiveness lies with regular use.

CHAPTER 12

Deals with the organized hobby, including information about where you can obtain coins, medals and paper money for your collection. Also examines the many options to learn more about your collection through the use of coin clubs, libraries and publications.