



# Champlain Coin Club Bulletin

Serving collectors in Orillia and surrounding area since 1962

MONTHLY MEETINGS 1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. (except July and August)

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## THE BULLETIN FOR June 2020

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Durrant



Greetings fellow collectors and enthusiasts! This will be a year to remember! The 2020 Pandemic.

This has been the worse year so far for coin collectors to build their collections. The inability to travel to meetings or shows has reduced many opportunities to search and purchase that elusive deal. Sure, you can purchase coins online but the ability to hold the item in hand reduces the fun and excitement.

As another club season ends there are no planned meetings until September. We will continue to keep you posted on the status of our fall meeting plans. There has been a suggestion that maybe we also look at the possibility of online meetings using Zoom or Google Meet. This may be a good alternative for those not wanting to join in person. I welcome any feedback on this or other ideas.

We should all remember how lucky we are to live in Canada! Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Stay safe till next time.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert Morrison

Hello all! I trust everyone is coping as well as can be expected in this COVID-19 climate we are dealing with. I arrived back from Florida just before the lockdown was put in place. I attended several meetings while I was there and managed to sell some of my American coins.

I know we are all looking forward to resuming our meetings as soon as the restrictions are lifted and hopefully that will be sooner than later!

In the meantime, keep safe, wear your masks, and stay home!

### Our Next Meeting

June 4th-CANCELLED



The June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Happy 58<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Champlain Coin Club!



Remember social (physical)  
distancing does not mean  
isolation.

Stay in touch with your club!

Email  
[champlaincoinclub@gmail.com](mailto:champlaincoinclub@gmail.com)

Check out our website  
[www.champlaincoinclub.com](http://www.champlaincoinclub.com)

## News of the April 2020 Meeting



By Doug McGarvey  
Attendance: 0  
Guests: 0

The May meeting was cancelled. Thanks for being patient and staying safe. Looking forward to seeing you all again when the time is right.

## Upcoming Club Meeting Activities

June — Cancelled ~~Plan for next year and celebrate the club's 58th birthday~~

**July & Aug – No regular meetings**

Sept — Regular meeting scheduled to resume pending Covid-19 situation.

## Our Thanks!

We would like to say thank you to the following who shared presentations over the last membership year.

Bill Beatie – Desmond Viola new \$10, Coin Grading

Jeff Wilson – Nova Scotia exhibition medals

Murray Smith – Tokens, Coin grading

Rob Durrant – Malaysian currency from the era of the East India Company to present.

We would also like to thank Chris Liantzakis for taking on the role of gathering ideas from the members.

Thanks to Carol Casselman for being our Santa this past year!

Lastly but not least, special thanks to June Carpino for serving snacks and refreshments at every meeting.

## Happy 58<sup>th</sup> Birthday Champlain Coin Club!

This month we celebrate our 58<sup>th</sup> birthday! Let's look back at some of our milestones over the years.



**1962:** *Founder and President - Howard Johnson.* The Champlain Coin Club was formed, with the help of the Woodville Club, on June 9th at the old Y.M.C.A. in Orillia, with meetings to be held the third Saturday of each month. Adult membership began at one dollar per year.

**1964:** *President - Howard Johnson.* Bob Swan wrote first news bulletin on January 18th. Meeting dates were changed to first Thursday during the monthly meeting on June 27th.

**1976:** *President - Frank Jones.* Meetings were changed to St. David's Church on James Street Orillia on September 2nd. Guest speaker, Mr J.E. Charleton, showed slides and spoke on grading of Canadian coins on October 7th.

**1987:** *President - Gorden Pim.* The Champlain Coin Club celebrates **25th anniversary** on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1987. The club gave out eighty numbered 1987 wooden nickels.

**1992:** *President - Mr. Jelle Hesselius.* Pewter coins were made to celebrate the club's **30th anniversary**. There were two types of coins, 65 small ones and 100 large ones. A set of coins was sent to our sister club in the USA. Mr Jerry Remick wrote an article about our pewter coins in the CNA Journal.

**2012** *President - Dan Horne.* Club celebrated its **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** in June with a catered roast beef diner. One hundred laser etched wooden nickel tokens made up for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All paid up members received one free.

## The Story of the Champlain Coin Club's Canada 150 Medallion



By Doug McGarvey • Secretary/Treasurer

This is the story of how our club managed to produce our RCNA Canada 150 medallion at the last possible minute thanks to the examples and help of many. This would not have been possible without their encouragement and help for which we are in gratitude.

At the beginning of 2017, the Champlain Coin Club had under twenty-five members and shrinking as older members passed on and few new replacements. I would hear how the club was in the 1960s and 70s when meetings were packed with members and bourse tables.

Some of our club members also belonged to the Georgian Bay Coin Club which had participated in the RCNA Canada 150 Medallion project. It seemed to me and some other members that the Champlain Coin Club should do something similar as it was Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and our club's 55<sup>th</sup>. It seemed a natural to design a medallion with our club's namesake on it as I had had inquiries from collectors in Quebec years prior and realized that there were collectors specializing in collecting anything to do with Samuel de Champlain.

Growing up in Orillia Ontario I had always been fascinated with Champlain as our main city park was dominated by an imposing monument to Champlain by Vernon March. It was almost a rite of passage to earn bragging rights by climbing to the top and I remember reading how someone had removed his sword and no one noticed for weeks until a wedding photographer noticed it missing in his photos.

My father's friend and mentor Harold Hale was instrumental in getting the monument for the town after seeing ones in Ottawa and Quebec City and wondered why Orillia with its connection to Champlain didn't commemorate it. As publisher of the local newspaper he led many causes and campaigns to improve the community such as daylight savings time and Soldiers Memorial Hospital as a memorial WWI soldiers and to provide free hospital care to veterans years before socialized medicine. The one memory that stuck in my young mind is seeing a miniature copy of the monument in his living room. This miniature is now in the archive of the Orillia Public Library.



*Miniature in the Orillia Public Library*

His example inspired me to do something for the club to mark Canada's 150 birthday. I had also mentioned in our newsletter that our club was celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> year in 2017 which resulted in Judy Blackman of The Ontario Numismatist contacting me about whether our club was planning special to commemorate the occasion. I replied that we were thinking of issuing wooden nickels. Judy suggested that we still had time to participate in the RCNA Canada 150 program and soon after I received an email from RCNA President, Henry Neinhuis, offering his help. After the March meeting of the Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club where Jeff Wilson had displayed their medallion, we brainstormed in the drive back to Orillia about doing the same for the Champlain Coin Club and to pitch the idea at the next meeting in 2 days.

The pitch went over like a lead balloon as members felt the club couldn't afford it and there was no time as it was approaching summer meaning no meeting until September. Carol Casselman volunteered to look into

what it would involve and cost to produce. She would report back in October. The medallions were to be sold at the summer RCNA Convention and we thought the matter closed as we would be too late to participate.

Jeff Wilson attended our October meeting as a guest speaker and did a presentation on the RCNA Canada 150 medallions. When the meeting began and before Jeff's presentation, we had a report from Carol and a vote to see if the club would go ahead with the project which the club voted down. After Jeff's presentation some of us decided to keep pushing and even put up the funds to pay for the die and manufacturing. Jeff mentioned that other clubs were still going to produce medallions and there were empty spaces in the presentation boxes distributed by the RCNA. He provided me with the figures on costs and revenues so we didn't have to reinvent the wheel.



*Club Logo*

I originally intended to base the design on our club logo which was a black silhouette of Champlain. I did several photos of the monument at different times of the day to get the right angle and lighting as a silhouette doesn't really work on a coin. I also visited the archives at the library to photograph the miniature I remembered from my childhood.

I replaced the silhouette design with some of the photos and contacted Henry Neinhuis to see if there was still time as we had missed the RCNA convention where the medallions were sold in special box sets. Henry answered almost immediately saying there was still time and he would help working out the design if I had a concept in mind. I sent him the club logo with the silhouette design and added in my photos at Henry's suggestion. In short order Henry sent me back a design using a high-quality image of the monument at a different angle.

### The Design Proposals



*Photo of monument*



*My original design using my photo*



*Henry Nienhuis' image*



*Design using miniature*

I worked with the concept and emailed the club member images of several designs using Henry's and my photographs asking that they pick a favourite. Most members picked Henry's image of Champlain. I was fine with that because at least it was my concept and overall design and Henry was providing a high-resolution image that could be transferred to a matrix easier than my shadowy photos.

With the deadline approaching we didn't have time for the next meeting to vote for funds. Bob Durrant called me one morning and said he would cover the costs if we could get the membership to agree with us

doing this in the club's name. My wife, Susan, overheard and demanded to know why I wasn't putting up some cash too which was music to my ears.

Instead of a November meeting we have a banquet and our next regular meeting was December which would be too last minute to get the medallion ready by the end of the year. I had drafted up an agreement which I had a majority of members sign agreeing that we could go ahead with the project with us taking all the risk. I knew the risk was minimal from the interest I was getting from correspondents from other parts of Canada.

I then sent an email out asking members of both our club and the Georgian Bay Club asking how many they wanted to prepay for. The response was overwhelming with some members buying quantities. The remaining coins would be sold before the order arrived.

The next step was to have the die produced by the Mississauga Mint and have the coins minted by year end. The engraver at the mint slotted us in between some other jobs and came through in record time sending us photos of the dies and test splash.

The next hurdle was Henry passing on the message that the Mint was short on 38 mm silver planchets. Henry's solution was to use a smaller thicker planchet of the same weight and see if the coin press would spread the metal to the edge of the die. The results worked well for the 35 silver medallions minted.



The coins arrived at my home in time for Christmas and all the coins were sold by the end of the year. We sold 100 copper and 35 silver.

We had hoped that producing a medallion would get some interest in the club but had no idea how much interest. Releasing the medallion put our club's name in the Canadian Coin News, the CNA Journal, The Ontario Numismatist and the Société Numismatique de Québec Bulletin de Liaison. Shortly after, I started getting inquiries about joining the club from local people who didn't know there was a coin club in our area until they had read about our medallion.



Three years on and our club membership is over 35 and very much alive. We are planning a medallion for our club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 using the 2017 design as the obverse die and getting members to submit design for a reverse design to commemorate our 60th anniversary.

# This is worth DOUBLE at Orillia Canadian Tire ONLY

by Jerome Fourre • CTCC Member and assistant to the editor • <http://www.ctccc.ca/eng.html>

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**S11-E-M**

I remember going to the TOREX® meeting back in 1992 when it was held on Jarvis Street in Toronto. The club held a small “throw down” auction at each meeting. I was fortunate enough to pick up a note like the one shown above. It was an S11-E-M note. Over the years, I became the club auctioneer, a job which I loved doing for about ten years, from 1998 to 2007. Lots were received from several members and at least once a year I would receive an Orillia overstamp note for the auction. Every one of these Orillia overstamp notes was from the S11-E-M series. I had never seen any notes from any other series of store notes, nor have I ever seen a gas bar note with this overstamp on it. The first week of March, 2020, the Fabreville, Laval store ordered notes from head office. They usually order nickels, dimes and quarters, but this time they ordered three bundles of 200—50¢ (600 notes in all). Of course I was lucky enough to get to verify them before they were put into circulation. To my surprise, I found a dozen notes that were overstamp with the Orillia overstamp. Every one of them was crossed out with a black marker on both sides of the note as shown below. The surprising aspect is that there were notes from every 50¢ range in every series from the S07 to the S15 series. Previously, if someone would have asked me, I would have said that they were only overstamp in the S11 series and only on the fifty cents.



CTC S07-E-DZ



CTC S08-E-DZ2



CTC S09-E-DZ1



CTC S09-E-DY



CTC S13-E-DI



CTC S15-E-00

## Numismatic Trivia – Canadian Coins (Answers on next page. Don't cheat!)

1. Canada's first coins were issued by the Province of Canada government in what year?
  - a) 1861
  - b) 1865
  - c) 1858
  - d) 1840
2. Which denomination was not issued until after Confederation, in 1870?
  - a) 25 cents
  - b) 2 cents
  - c) 1 dollar
  - d) 5 dollars
3. In 1871, which mint mark first appeared on Canadian coinage?
  - a) O
  - b) H
  - c) T
  - d) L
4. On what date did the Royal Mint, Ottawa Branch (now the Royal Canadian Mint) strike its first coins?
  - a) March 15, 1890
  - b) July 1, 1917
  - c) January 2, 1908
  - d) January 1, 1901
5. From 1912 to 1914, Canada also issued \$5.00 and \$10.00 gold coins for circulation. What was the reverse design of these coins?
  - a) Canada's Coat of Arms
  - b) Parliament buildings
  - c) The Imperial Crown
  - d) A map of Canada
6. Two of Canada's most valuable rarities, known as the "King" and "Prince" of Canadian coins, bear this date in common:
  - a) 1913
  - b) 1921
  - c) 1926
  - d) 1932
7. Canada's first circulating silver dollar was also her first commemorative coin. What was the year, and the event being celebrated?
  - a) 1918, Armistice ending World War One
  - b) 1931, Statute of Westminster
  - c) 1927, Diamond Jubilee of Confederation
  - d) 1935, Silver Jubilee of George V
8. World War Two caused two major composition changes to the nickel, as that metal was vital to the production of munitions. Which of the following metals was NOT employed in the manufacture of Canadian 5 cent coins at some time during the war?
  - a) Zinc
  - b) Iron
  - c) Aluminum
  - d) Chromium
9. Some 1947 dated coins bear a tiny maple leaf after the date. What major event spurred such a minor addition?
  - a) Death of Queen Mary of Teck
  - b) Charter membership in NATO
  - c) Newfoundland voting to join Canada
  - d) Independence of India
10. The 1949 silver dollar marks Newfoundland's entry into Canada as the tenth province. What ship is shown on the coin?
  - a) The "John"
  - b) The "Mark"
  - c) The "Matthew"
  - d) The "Luke"

## Answers – Canadian Coins Trivia

1. c - 1858

Political wrangling throughout the 1850's delayed the introduction of government currency by several years. A key issue was whether to follow the British pounds, shillings and pence system, or to conform with the United States and issue decimal dollars and cents.

2. a – 25 cents

The Provincial government opted for the 20 cent denomination in its 1858 issue. One of the reasons why this was done was because of the Halifax rating, which pegged the Spanish Dollar (8 reales) at an artificially high 5 shillings in order to dissuade melting of silver coins, which had often been scarce in Atlantic Canada and New France. Since 5 shillings was a dollar, one shilling equalled 20 cents.

3. b – H

The "H" stands for Ralph Heaton & Sons. Originally a private company, and later The Mint, Birmingham, Heaton's was often contracted by the Royal Mint to strike coins throughout the British Empire when the workload outstripped the Royal Mint's capacity, including some issues for the colony of Newfoundland and one (the 1871 cent) for P.E.I.

4. c - January 2, 1908

The original mint building has stood for over a century at 320 Sussex Drive in Ottawa. The presses were officially switched on by the Governor-General and his wife, Earl and Lady Grey

5. a- Canada's Coat of Arms

Only the \$5 and \$10 gold coins were ever coined, and only for those three years before being interrupted by World War One.

6. b - 1921

The "Prince" is the 5 Cent, and the "King" is the Half Dollar. (1, 10 and 25 cent coins from 1921 are all plentiful.)

7. d - 1935, Silver Jubilee of George V

These coins bear a different portrait of George V than any other Canadian issues produced during his reign (1911-1936), along with the legend "Georgivs V Rex Imperator Anno Regni XXV" (George V, King, Emperor, 25th year of reign).

8. c – Aluminum

Until mid-1942, pure nickel  
Mid-1942 and 1943, "tombac" brass (88% copper, 12% zinc)  
1944 and 1945, steel core (predominantly iron) plated with nickel, then chromium  
1946, return to pure nickel.

9. d - Independence of India

The King's titles on Canadian coins had always included "Et Ind: Imp:" (Et Indiae Imperator), or simply "Imperator," identifying His Majesty as the Emperor of India. When that country became independent on August 15, 1947, that portion of the title was no longer valid. New master tools would not arrive until a few months into 1948, but the Ottawa Mint had to continue producing coins for the country. The Mint continued to use 1947 dies modified with the Maple Leaf.

10. c - The "Matthew"

The "Matthew" was the ship of Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot), who in 1497 "discovered" the island of Newfoundland. He was rewarded by Henry VII of England with a pension of 20 pounds per year, but he didn't get much chance to spend it. He departed on another voyage the following year, and all five of his ships were lost at sea.

## Did You Know?

**Why** are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

**Because**, long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.



## COMING EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2020

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, auctions, club meetings and other numismatic events are being cancelled. For the most up-to-date information, visit CCN's online 'Events' listings at [canadiancoinnews.com/events](http://canadiancoinnews.com/events) or contact event organizers.

### JUNE 14, BRANTFORD, ON

59th Annual Brantford Coin Show, **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***  
For more information contact Jim Kopinak,  
email [brantfordcoinclub@gmail.com](mailto:brantfordcoinclub@gmail.com),  
telephone 519-753-1948.

### JUNE 18 – 20, BALTIMORE, MD

Whitman Coin & Collectibles Summer Expo,  
**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***  
**\*\*AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT STACK'S  
CALIFORNIA OFFICES\*\***  
For more information contact Lori Kraft,  
telephone 404-214-4373.  
Website: [expo.whitman.com/](http://expo.whitman.com/).

### JUNE 27 – 28, TORONTO, ON

Summer 2020 Torex, **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***  
Official auctioneer is The Canadian Numismatic Company. For  
more information contact Brian Smith, email [brian@torex.net](mailto:brian@torex.net),  
telephone 416-705-5348.  
Website: [www.torex.net](http://www.torex.net).

### JULY 9 – 11, ORLANDO, FL

12th Annual Summer FUN Convention, **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***  
Orange County Convention Center (Hall WE1), 9800  
International Dr. Numismatic dealers will converge at the  
Orange County Convention Center to buy, sell and appraise  
coins, paper currency, tokens, medals and other items.  
For more information contact Cindy Wibker,  
telephone 407-321- 8747.  
Website: [www.funtopics.com/summer-fun.html](http://www.funtopics.com/summer-fun.html)

### JULY 21 – 25, HALIFAX, NS

2020 RCNA Convention, Westin Nova Scotian, 1181 Hollis St.  
**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***  
The 2020 Halifax RCNA Convention is being hosted by the  
Halifax Regional Coin Club.  
For full details, visit the Royal Canadian Numismatic  
Association's website at [rcna.ca/2020](http://rcna.ca/2020).  
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Website: [rcna.ca/2020/](http://rcna.ca/2020/).

### AUG. 4 – 8, PITTSBURGH, PA

World's Fair of Money 2020, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd.  
See more than \$1 billion of historic rare coins and colourful  
currency while discovering what your old coins and currency  
may be worth. It's all at the World's Fair of Money, the biggest,  
most educational coin show in the U.S. Build your collection  
from the best numismatic inventory anywhere, participate in a  
live auction, attend lectures and seminars, and view rare  
historical treasures from the ANA Money Museum and private  
collections.  
For more information, email [convention@money.org](mailto:convention@money.org).  
Website: [//www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney](http://www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney).

### AUG. 4 – 8, BRANTFORD, ON

Canada Coin Show & Auction  
Hampton Inn & Suites, 20 Fen Ridge Ct,  
Brantford, ON, N3V 1G2  
Join us at Canada's Smallest Coin and Banknote show for a fun  
day of coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, collectables, and  
numismatic items. Buy, sell & appraise at the show with  
professional coin & banknote dealers. Show hours are 10 a.m. to  
3 p.m. Free admission. Twelve dealer tables. Auction conducted  
by Geoffrey Bell Auctions. Viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
Auction from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Register for the live auction and  
receive a ticket for free admission to the Paris Coin &  
Collectable Show the next day.  
Name: Jared Stapleton  
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### AUG. 9, PARIS, ON

Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St., Paris, ON, N3L 1V4  
Canada's Best 1 day Coin and Collectables show. Over 50 tables  
of coins, paper money, tokens, military & more. Buy, Sell &  
Appraise at the show with professional Coin & Banknote  
Dealers. Show hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$4 Admission and includes  
draw tick for a Gold Coin. Hot & cold food and drinks are  
available at the show.  
Phone: 647-403-7334  
Email: [pariscoinshow@gmail.com](mailto:pariscoinshow@gmail.com)  
Web: <http://pariscoinshow.com>

### AUG. 14 – 15, KINGSTON, ON

CTCCC 30th Anniversary Convention  
August 14, 2020 to August 15, 2020  
Travelodge Hotel, 2360 Princess St., Kingston, ON, K7M 3G4  
The 30th anniversary of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors  
Club (CTCCC) will be celebrated in a convention format in  
2020. The CTCCC's annual general meeting will be held Aug.  
14 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. with a bourse on Aug. 15 from 9 a.m.-5  
p.m. Admission and parking are free, and everyone is welcome.  
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