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1941 PIPEX Cover  
With OSS Show Label - and It Is Signed  
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Regular meetings are held in the OSS Building, 4828 NE 33rd Ave. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 PM, unless otherwise stated in the monthly calendar.

The *Rose City Stamp Fair* is an official OSS function and is held at the OSS Building on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The *Stamp Collector's Corner* also is an official OSS Bourse, and is held on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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## OSS NEWS

### OSS One-Page Displays

by Sheryll Ruecher

A big thanks to all volunteers making one-page displays for the club one-frame exhibit for PIPEX. There has been such enthusiasm that we even have a reserve list!

It is exciting to hear your suggested topics and even see a few test pages at the January meeting.

Put February 25th in your diary now, as at that meeting we will be showing the pages in the frame. This is your chance to get some feedback. If you have made more than one, bring them all! If you are ready to submit your page then, you can hand it to me at the end of the meeting.

I will bring a few supplies (card stock, corner mounts, etc.) to the February 11th meeting in case you need some.

# President's Corner

As of this writing, a few of our members have not remitted their dues for 2014. This will be the last Album Page sent to members who do not send in their dues for this year.

We are continuing to make progress on several projects.

Preparations for the annual fund raising auction are coming down to the wire. The catalog and the March Album Page will be mailed about the same time. The catalog will be sent to everyone who bid in either of the last two auctions. Also to anyone else who requests a copy. It will also be available online with many more lots illustrated than can be included in the paper catalog.

PIPEX 2014 is also quickly approaching. Linn's has reported that we will have Two #C3a's on exhibit/display. And there will be a number of single frame (non-competitive) exhibits from NWFSC members. Sheryll Ruecker is managing the building of the OSS exhibit.

Renovation of the clubhouse meeting rooms continue - a process that never seems to go as quickly as you would like.

## *Cover of The Month*

This cover of the month was suggested by George Painter. It was prepared for the sixth Annual PIPEX, held at the Multnomah Hotel here in Portland. The cover itself was actually an advertising envelope from the Hotel. I have seen unused examples of these labels in three colors. It is a timely reminder since PIPEX 2014 is just around the corner. Please try to take some time out of your busy schedules to attend this year's event. Especially since we will have TWO copies of US #C3a to oogle over.

The label is not only tied by a Portland postmark of the last day of the show, it is also signed "Dr. Edw Hirstel / Pres. N. W. Fed." Dr. Edward H. Hirstel was at this time President of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Dr. Hirstel was also the First President of the Oregon Stamp Society ( 1927 - 1934 ) - OSS having changed its name from the Beaver Stamp Club in 1927.

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If you drop off a donation at the club, please label it for "The OSS Store". You may also contact the Sales Manager, Jim Correy, to make other arrangements. eMail ==>> [ajcorrey@yahoo.com](mailto:ajcorrey@yahoo.com)

## Auction Preview

By Eric Hummel

March 15th is quickly approaching. Our annual auction may not be as big as in the recent past, but it will have a few US #C3 stamps. The four lots shown here are a nice selection of the collectible varieties of this issue.



US #C3 Right margin block of 4 with arrow.

Auction catalogs should be mailed about March 1st. Auction lot previewing will begin at the Rose City Stamp Fair on March 8th, with additional viewing opportunities on the 11th, 14th and morning of the 15th.



US #C3 Block of 4 with horizontal centerline - very nice centering.



US #C3 With 2003 PSE Graded Cert.



US #C3 "Fast Plane" Variety.

### Winter Stampfest

( Gary Hoecker )

**Saturday February 1, 2014**

**10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

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## Baseball on Stamps Part I Was Baseball First Played in America or Canada?

By Steve Brandt



This is to be the first of a series of articles on the topic of baseball on stamps. In this article, the writer will acquaint the reader with some background on the first baseball stamps issued by the United States and Canada.

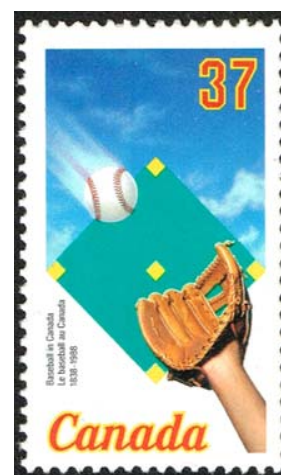
According to a popular and widely circulated legend, Abner Doubleday is credited with inventing the game of baseball as we know it today. While Doubleday had an interesting life, most historians dispute his inventing the game. The development of the sport is believed to be an evolutionary process. Modern historians point out that Doubleday was a cadet at the United States Military Academy at the time of the first game and he himself never claimed to have invented the game. After graduating from West Point, he served in the Mexican War, was responsible for firing the first shot in defense of Fort Sumter and distinguished himself at the Battle of Gettysburg. He was also awarded the patent for the famous cable car system that still runs in San Francisco.

According to the same legend, the first baseball game played in the United States was played near the site of the present day Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. The stamp commemorating these events was released on June 12, 1939, the day when baseball's Hall Of Fame opened. The first five players were selected in 1936. When the facility opened, the hall now had 26 members. Many of the inductees were present at the dedication and the first day of issue ceremony. Also present was United States Postmaster General James Farley. Mr. Farley frequently attended First Day of Issue ceremonies and had prominent people connected with the stamp being issued autograph

whole sheets of the new stamp. The autographed sheets were then presented to President Franklin D. Roosevelt an avid philatelist. For this issue, Mr. Farley asked many of the ballplayers present to autograph the newly released sheet before presenting it to the president.

Now for the boring technical details: This single color purple stamp showing boys playing a game of "sandlot" baseball, was produced by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in horizontal commemorative format, 215mm W X 30mm H, perforated 11 X10.5, in sheets of 50 by rotary press printing. This was a common procedure at the time.

Was the first baseball game played in Cooperstown, New York? A good question as our Canadian friends claim the first baseball game was played in what is now Beachville, Ontario on June 4, 1838, one year before the legendary game at Cooperstown. The basis for this claim is a letter written by Dr. Adam Ford of Denver, Colorado originally published on May 5, 1886 in the Sporting Life Magazine in Philadelphia. Dr. Ford grew up in Beachville. He lived in the community at the time this event took place. While most historians agree that baseball was commonly played before 1840, reliable documentary evidence, with dates, player's names and locations is hard to find. Dr. Ford's letter is different because it supplies great detail of the game including the place and date. He also identified many of the players. The original letter is on file at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, but officials there have never formally recognized



the validity of this claim. Historical research has been unable to find serious objections to this letter. In 1988 Canada issued a single commemorative stamp marking the 150th anniversary of this event. It is a matter of record that a game was played later in 1838 between two teams from Beachville and Cooperstown.

Now the required technical details: This stamp was produced by the Canadian Banknote Company Ltd. by lithography, 5 colors, vertical format, sheets of 50. Size: 25mm W X 40mm H. Perf. 13.5 X 13.

## **STAMP QUIZZES ARE FUN**

*Reprinted from a book by Bill Olcheski*

### **QUIZ NUMBER 6 UNITED STATES STAMPS**

#### **5 POINT QUESTIONS**

1. What American Folk Art is the subject of a 1978 series?
2. What sport is shown on the Olympic Games Airmail issue of 1972?
3. What was the name of the Russian spacecraft shown on the 1975 U.S.ten-cent stamp?
4. What birds appear on the Wildlife Conservation issue of 1957?

#### **10 POINT QUESTIONS**

5. How many different windmills appear on the booklet panes of 15-cent stamps issued in 1980?
6. What are the denominations of the stamps in the Lincoln Sesquicentennial issue of 1958-59?
7. What scientist appears on the 10-cent stamp in the Famous American series of 1940?

#### **25 POINT QUESTIONS**

8. What airplane is shown on the 25-cent Trans-Pacific issue of 1935?
9. In what year was a stamp issued marking the centennial of Oregon Statehood?

#### **50 POINT QUESTION**

10. Whose gun battery appears on the Battle of White Plains stamp of 1926?

### **QUIZ NUMBER 90 NETHERLANDS STAMPS**

#### **10 POINT QUESTIONS**

1. What king appears on the first Netherlands stamps?
2. What lady became Queen of the Netherlands at the age of 18?
3. What occupation is shown on the 10-cent 1952 stamp?
4. The Silver Anniversary of what rulers was marked by two stamps in 1962?
5. What sport is the subject of a 1974 stamp?
6. Three countries are honored on the "BENELUX" issue of 1974. Name them.
7. Martinus Nijhoff was honored on a 1954 semi-postal. What is his claim to fame?
8. What painter created "The Laughing Child" that appears on a 1937 semi-postal?
9. What is the profession of the three men shown on a set of three stamps issued in 1980?
10. Postage Due stamps of the Netherlands were used in 3 other areas in different colors. What are the areas?

Quizzes and answers reprinted from the 1982 compilation by Bill Olcheski - "100 Trivia Quizzes For Stamp Collectors". Please note that the answers to some quizzes may have additional elements due to events since 1982.

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ NUMBERS 6 AND 90

### QUIZ NUMBER 6

1. Quilt Making
2. Skiing
3. Soyuz
4. Whooping Cranes
5. Five
6. 1,3,4, and 4 cents
7. Jane Adams
8. China Clipper
9. 1959
10. Alexander Hamilton

### QUIZ NUMBER 90

1. William III
2. Wilhelmina
3. Mining
4. Queen Juliana and Prince Bernard
5. Tennis
6. Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg
7. Poet
8. Franz Hals
9. Politicians
10. Curacao, Netherlands Indies, Surinam

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## Regional Stamp Shows

### February 2014

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### March 2014

- ◆ **APEX 2014**, March 1 & 2, Anchorage AK  
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- ◆ **Edmonton Spring National Show**  
March 22 & 23, 2014  
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For Details ==> [www.edmontonstampclub.com](http://www.edmontonstampclub.com)
- ◆ **Apple Blossom**, March 29 & 30, Spokane WA  
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## Local Stamp Shows

### *Collector's Corner*

#### Saturday - February 22nd at the OSS Clubhouse

If you haven't joined in on the fun in some time, come and see the extensive stocks of stamps and covers of our regular dealers:  
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## February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 OSS Board Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7	8 Rose City Stamp Fair 10:00-4:00
9	10	11 OSS Meeting 8:00 PM Library opens 6:30	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 NPL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 Collector's Corner 10:00-4:00
23	24	25 OSS Meeting 8:00 PM Library opens 6:30	26	27	28	

### Upcoming OSS Events

**2nd Tuesday** - February 11th - *Clothesline* - topic will be Valentines Day - Please bring something to share.

**4th Tuesday** - February 25th Bring your one-page for comments in preparation for the Club's Exhibit at PIPEX.

### Events Around Town

**Westside Stamp Club:** First Monday of each month - 1 PM @ Tigard Senior Center. —**February 3rd**

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