

## **LET'S FORGET ERRORS**

**By: George Gates**

A COVID lockdown provides time to think, maybe too much! Anyway, scanning eBay offerings in that spare time led to this thought: Why do some stamp collectors willingly spend more money for errors than for a normal example? The answer often given is that errors are comparatively scarce and owning one makes the owner feel special.

Let's tip the scale and decide that errors are, in fact, printers waste and should be set aside as not desirable. Those famous C3a stamps with upside down airplane would have no value!

As it is, the price of the invert increases. The highest price is \$1,593,000 for an invert described as "long-missing" (although we presume the owner knew where it was) that avoided being hinged unlike most of its brothers.

Okay, but back to reality, what is a "regular" stamp worth? To find out, let's check some recent offerings of C3 on eBay:

- A nice centered never hinged stamp drew 28 bids from 11 bidders and sold for \$97.78
- A C3 with balanced margins but regummed was offered for \$32.50 and received no bids.
- A hinged well-centered copy sold for \$36.14, getting 27 bids from 14 bidders.
- A never hinged but off-center copy sold for \$37.88 with 11 bids from 10 bidders.
- A hinged somewhat off-center line block of four was offered for \$169 but failed to sell.

The value of a particular stamp depends upon how much others will shell out for it. Imagine what happens when collectors of all sorts decide that inverts and other errors are truly printers waste and unworthy of purchase. Why not? After all, it is a collector (and no one else) who decides such things.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION**

The Board of Director's election is tentatively scheduled to be held before the auction in May. The Class of 2021 Directors whose terms are set to expire:

**Tim Carey**

**Alan Davis**

**Casey Kielbasa**

**Kelly Kreuzer**

Kelly informed the Club that she will not seek another term on the Board. The Club thanks her for her devotion to the Club, which included organizing the Club auctions. She is a valuable member of the Club.

Any Club member in good standing (your dues need to be paid!) is eligible to hold a position on the Board. The position does not involve a lot of work and the pay is just right (\$0)!

As outlined in the Club Constitution, the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Stamp Club consists of 12 Club members each serving three-year terms. Four members are elected each year. Club officers are elected from the Board. It is the Board of Directors who are tasked with the job of making decisions that keep the Club running efficiently. It is the Board of Directors that worked diligently to keep the Club functioning during the pandemic and, at the same time, secured the Knights of Columbus Hall as our new venue when the Leonard Post closed.

Any Club member interested, please let Al Carroccia or Alan Davis know. Thank you!



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## SPRING NOTES

Spring is upon us and so are the Club auctions! The first auction held on March 18<sup>th</sup> had 32 members in attendance with 216 auction lots and was held on a Thursday rather than the traditional Friday dates that we are so accustomed to seeing. The next two auctions in April and May both fall on a Thursday. Last month's newsletter had the April meeting scheduled on a Friday, but the Knights decided to continue their Friday Fish Fry. So, Thursdays will most likely be permanent. Stay tuned to any developments which may be conveyed to the Club membership by email. Updated information will also appear at the Club web page. Pay attention and Stay informed!

The Club and the Knights of Columbus still have protocols in place to keep everyone who attends safe. Please abide by these rules. The vaccine rollout has now opened to all persons over the age of 50. As the Club slowly moves forward to add more events, the hope is that by September the Club will return to a normal calendar. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Membership Chairman Bob Meegan reports that 98 members have paid dues leaving 28 unpaid members. Any member who is unsure of their status should reach out to Bob. The Club does not want to lose any members.

## APRIL CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**At The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road  
(just north of William St. in Cheektowaga)**

**Auctions** begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

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## POLAND KINGS AND PRINCES

By: Gene Golebiewski

On June 4, 1989, Solidarity won the election in Poland, and the communist era was ending. Inflation accelerated by 249% in 1990, for example, and the Polish zloty kept dropping in value against the US dollar. In 1995, the currency was devalued; 10,000 old zloty changed to one new zloty (PLN). A set of Polish Kings and Princes started with Fischer catalog 3030 and 3031 (10 zl and 15 zl) on December 4, 1988. It continued with Fischer catalog 3079 and 3080 (20 zl and 30 zl) on October 18, 1989. The next two were not put into circulation. They are Fischer catalog XXIX and XXX (40 zl and 50 zl) on April 26, 1990. They were overprinted as Fischer catalog 3167 and 3168 (1000 over 40 zl and 1500 over 50 zl) on March 25, 1991. The Scott Poland catalog numbers are 3016 and 3017. The Scott catalog does not mention the stamps not put into circulation.

3116. 500 zł czerw./oliwbrąz. 1,- -60  
FDC: 1,-

1990, 26 IV. Poczta królów i książąt polskich – Bolesław III Krzywousty, Władysław II Wygnaniec (zn. nie wprowadzone do obiegu). Strt. i Rtgr. Pap. biały, średni, gładki. ZG 10¾ : 11. Druk formą 3-sekt. w ark. 7 x 5 zn.

XXIX XXX

XXIX.	40 zł	c.szarziel./brązczar.	400,-	325,-
XXX.	50 zł	c.czerwil./niebszar.	400,-	325,-
FDC	2500,-	seria (2 zn.)	800,-	650,-

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S. Walisch. Czy rzeczywiście nie było koperty FDC z serią „królowie bez nadruku” z 1990 roku?  
- Filatelistyka 3/2001, str. 76

1990, 18 V. 70. rocznica urodzin papieża

3167 - 3179

1991, 25 III. Poczta królów i książąt polskich (V) – Bolesław III Krzywousty, Władysław II Wygnaniec. Nd. Of., PmCzr. na zn. XXVII i XXVIII formą 7 x 5 Nd.



3167



3168

3167.	1000/40 zł	c.szarziel./brązczar.	2,50	-40
3168.	1500/50 zł	c.czerwil./niebszar.	3,50	-80
FDC:	7,-	seria (2 zn.)	6,-	1,20

3167 No, 3168 No po 1200,-; #3167 Np, 3168 Np po 1000,- 3167 B1 (duża kropka po prawej u góry - 30 zn.); 3167 B2 (uszkodzona ostatnia cyfra „0” nominału - 31 zn.) 35,- 15,-; 3168 B1 (duża kropka po cyfrze „5” - 2 zn. w części nakładu); 3168 B2 (duża plama przed 1500 - 19 zn.); 3168 B3 (dodatkový guzik na szacie - 17 zn.) po 30,- 6,-; 3168 B4 (brak „zl”) 50,- 10,- Próby (?): 3168-P1 (Nd. 1500 zł w kol. czar.); 3168-P2 (Nd. pion. 1500 zł w kol. czar.) po 1300,- - 2918-19



1991, 29 III. Św. Brat Albert – Adam Chmielowski. Of. Pap. biały, średni, gładki, kredowany. ZG 11¾

In the March 2021 newsletter, Bob Meegan noted that when you see a philatelic item you have never seen, you should buy it, because you probably will never see anything like it again. Many thanks to John Rudnicki for offering the two stamps that were not put into circulation at a reasonable price, because it is not likely I will ever see them anywhere else again!

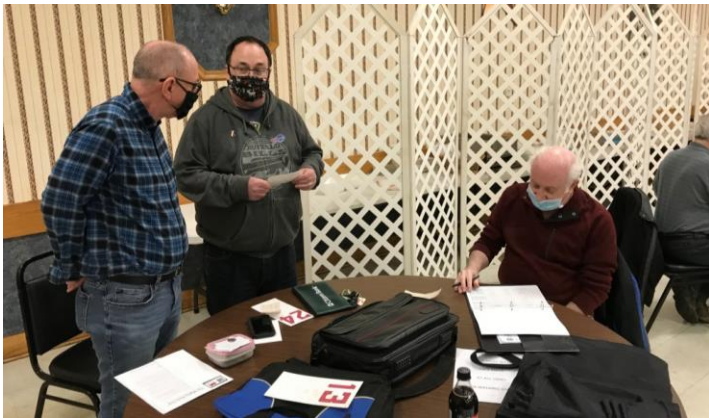


## PICTURES FROM LAST AUCTION





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## RARE EBAY ITEM!

It is not often a Club item comes up for sale outside of the Club auction. John Leszak found this “vintage” item up for auction on eBay. The original lot description was as follows:

“US Ad Cover-Buffalo Stamp Club, Chapter 37, Buffalo, New York/Lackawanna, NY G11” with a scan of the cover.



If the cover looks familiar, it should be. It is the same style envelope used to mail our BSC newsletter. However, this cover is from 1989. In 1989, the editor of the Club newsletter was Harry Stobie and the cover was addressed to your current editor (yours truly)!

The cover was in a BSC auction which explains it entering the public domain. Who knows how many hands touched this cover. The seller on eBay is listed as “soundnostalgia”. The seller listed other interesting philatelic covers and postcards.

This cover had an opening bid of .99 cents! The hope for an extremely competitive bidding war never happened. The cover remained unsold with no bids. As of this writing the cover was re-listed at \$2.99 - Buy it now or best offer. Now is your chance to own a piece of BSC history! Go for it!