

# The Diablo Die Break

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## Our next meeting: 09/19/2019

This month's program:

**EXHIBIT NIGHT** – A THEMED TOPIC BOXED or FRAMED

**Concord Museum & Event Center**  
**1928 Clayton Road**  
**Concord, California**

### 2019 Officers:

Robert E. Luna (President)  
Kyle Anderson (Vice President)  
Charles Ludvik (Treasurer)  
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## ***Mission Statement***

*The Diablo Numismatic Society of Concord, CA is a non-profit coin collecting club dedicated to serving all its members from beginner to expert – with focus on three priorities: education, fellowship, and fun!*

**The SOCIETY meets monthly on the third  
Thursday of the month at:**

**Concord Museum & Event Center  
1928 Clayton Road  
Concord, California**

**[Our Web site is: www.diablocoinclub.org](http://www.diablocoinclub.org)**

## **Youth Section**

**Connecting America Through Coins**

[Kids' interactive timeline: http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/](http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/)

**United States Mint Education pages:**

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/games/>

## **DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**JULY 13<sup>th</sup> (SATURDAY)**

**ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ – BORGES RANCH (No Meeting)**

**AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>**

**BRUCE BERMAN – ANNUAL COIN GRADING CLINIC**

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

**EXHIBIT NIGHT – A THEMED TOPIC BOXED or FRAMED**

**OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SCOTT GRIFFIN – TONED MORGAN DOLLARS**

**NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

**KYLE ANDERSON – HISTORY OF MODERN OLYMPIC COINAGE**

**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> (SATURDAY)**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – ZIO FRAEDO'S, PLEASANT HILL  
(NO MEETING)**

# Diablo Numismatic Society Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/15/2019

The meeting called to order: 7:02pm by President Bob Luna

Total Attendance: 32 New Members/Guests: 1

New Members/Guests: Dean Ristenpart

On time prize: Red Seal \$2.00 bill Won by: Mike Turrini

Treasurer's Report by Charlie Ludvik

General Account: \$5,121.00 Coin Show Account: TBA

The following announcements were made:

The Fairfield show is on Sunday.

Tonight's Program: Grading Mercury Dimes

Speaker: Bruce Berman

Show and Tell: Entries: 7 Prize: Winner:

50/50 Drawing: \$ Total Pot. Winner:

Drawing Grand Prize: Winner:

Membership Drawing Prize:

Membership Drawing Winner: Bretten Casagrande

Miscellaneous:

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

David F. Davis Jr. Club Secretary

**The 2019 American Liberty  
High Relief Silver Medal - 2.5 ozs.**



**Two inches in diameter**

## Upcoming Coin Shows

**September 5-7, 2019:** Long Beach Coin Show, Convention Center

**September 13-15, 2019:** CoinExpo Santa Clara, Convention Center

**September 27-28, 2019:** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points off Duckhorn, Sacramento, CA

**October 11-13, 2019: Diablo Valley Coin Club Show, Elk's Walnut Creek, CA**

**October 19, 2019:** Delta Coin Club Show, Eagles Hall, Stockton, CA

**October 26-27, 2019:** Fresno Coin Club Show

**November 1-2, 2019:** Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, McClellan, Ca

**November 8-9, 2019:** Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, Sunnyvale, Ca

**November 16, 2019:** Vacaville Coin Show, VV Moose Lodge, VV, CA

**November 22-24, 2019:** Las Vegas Coin Show, Palace Station Hotel, Las Vegas

**December 6-7, 2019:** San Francisco International Numis. Bourse, Holiday Inn (Van Ness), SF, CA

**December 15, 2019:** Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, McClellan, CA

# Tips for Ordering Products from the US Mint that Sell Out Quickly

By Charlie Ludvik

I'm sure many of us have experienced the frustration of trying to order a very popular limited mintage product from the US Mint. Sometimes these products sell out within minutes. The Mint website can slow dramatically and finally indicate that the item is no longer available. Collectors can buy the items on the secondary market, but usually at much higher prices. An early order may also be important if you want to receive the coin in time to submit for a "first strike" or "early release" designation on the slab.

I've had reasonable success in ordering "hot" items from the mint before they sell out. I'll share some tips that will help you to successfully order popular items. There are no guarantees, but if you follow these suggestions your chances of success will increase.

Plan ahead. New products are almost always available for sale at 9AM Pacific Time (12 PM Eastern Time). The schedule of sales is usually available on the mint website a month or more in advance. Be sure you know what you want to order and are aware of any order limits.

Check in advance that your user ID and password work reliably. Register your payment choice in advance. This will save valuable time when the ordering period starts. The mint accepts credit cards and PayPal. Be sure your credit card will not expire soon so that if your purchase is back-ordered, it is not canceled due to an expired credit card.

Practice placing an order ahead of time so that there are no surprises, preferably the night before. You can go through all of the steps except the final placement of the order without buying anything. Be sure to check the box for acceptance of the mint's terms of sale. If you plan on ordering other products that are available before the sale starts, put them in your shopping cart ahead of time.

Log onto the mint site 10 minutes before the sale starts. Navigate so that you are only 1 or 2 clicks from ordering the item you want. This is important, the website will get slammed with requests at 9AM and slow down dramatically. You don't want to waste time doing steps that you can do ahead of time.

If you have more than one computer, log onto your account with each computer. This increases your chance of success. Sometimes the mint site will stall on one computer but remain active on another. I have done this many times. Your account will maintain the same shopping cart and information on each computer. Just be sure to make the final purchase step on only one computer.

Start the ordering process exactly at 9AM. The trick is to place your order with a minimum number of keystrokes and clicks. Each extra keystroke or click increases the chances of a website slowdown, errors or a crash. I have found that I can order with PayPal with less clicks than with a credit card. Consider this as an option for popular items if you have a PayPal account.

At times the mint offers several new products at the same time, for example with new commemorative coins. If one coin is the "hot" product, consider ordering it immediately. You can go back and place another order for the less popular items. If you order at least 3 times in a year from the mint, you will be enrolled in their loyalty program and won't have to pay for additional standard shipping.

I have also tried placing a phone order on popular items a few times, but never with any success. Neither did I have success with the US Mint app on my iPhone for a sellout item.

If you are successful with your order, you should receive an email soon with an acknowledgment of the order and an order number. An order confirmation with all the details of your order will be sent up to an hour later.

Realize that there are no guarantees, and that even with all these techniques at times you may not be successful. You may be competing against people that are paid a premium by some firms to buy these products from the mint, which are then resold for larger premiums. I do not like these tactics because often they result in the end collector paying more than the mint prices.

Very often the prices of these sold-out items spike quickly, then slowly subside over months or years. At times the prices will drop below the mint prices. Consider how important it is to you to buy the item on the secondary market soon after the sellout. Often, but not always, you will get a better price by being patient and waiting.

## Coin Drawing Ticket Price Tier

1 through 9 tickets are \$2.00 apiece.

For example: 5 tickets are \$10.00, 9 tickets are \$18.00

\$20.00 is the first price break, you will receive 20 tickets for \$20.00.

\$ 20.00	Buys	<b>20</b>	Tickets
\$ 30.00	Buys	<b>37</b>	Tickets
\$ 40.00	Buys	<b>50</b>	Tickets
\$ 50.00	Buys	<b>63</b>	Tickets
\$ 60.00	Buys	<b>75</b>	Tickets
\$ 70.00	Buys	<b>87</b>	Tickets
\$ 80.00	Buys	<b>100</b>	Tickets
\$ 90.00	Buys	<b>112</b>	Tickets
\$ 100.00	Buys	<b>125</b>	Tickets
\$ 110.00	Buys	<b>137</b>	Tickets
\$ 120.00	Buys	<b>150</b>	Tickets
\$ 130.00	Buys	<b>162</b>	Tickets
\$ 140.00	Buys	<b>175</b>	Tickets
\$ 150.00	Buys	<b>187</b>	Tickets
\$ 160.00	Buys	<b>200</b>	Tickets

## Coin Drawing Prizes

	September					
	Date	MM	Description	Cond.	Grade	Coin Value
1	1884	O	Morgan Dollar	PCGS	MS 65	\$ 140.00
2	1955		Proof set - in red capitol holder	Raw	PR 65	\$ 100.00
3	1945		Walking Liberty Half	PCGS	MS 64	\$ 60.00
4	1886		Morgan Dollar	PCGS	MS 64	\$ 55.00
5	1880	S	Morgan Dollar	NGC	MS 63	\$ 50.00
6	1940		Washington Quarter	PCGS	MS 65	\$ 33.00
7	1955	D	Roosevelt Dime	NGC	MS 65 FT	\$ 32.00
8	Unknown		Lincoln Cent - Off-center strike	Raw	Unc	\$ 20.00
9	1963		Washington Quarter - Type B Rev.	PCGS	MS 63	\$ 22.00
10	1960	D	Washington Quarter	PCGS	MS 65	\$ 20.00
11	1961		Proof Washington Quarter	Raw	PR 66	\$ 10.00
			<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 542.00</b>



# Miscellaneous information:

Provided by Charlie Ludvik

## News Briefs

[The CSNA/NCNA Northern California Numismatic Forum will be held September 14. This is a free all day educational event in Vallejo. The quality of past forums has been excellent. Details at http://www.solanocoinclub.com/Calendar.htm.](http://www.solanocoinclub.com/Calendar.htm)

A bill authorizing the production of 2021 Morgan and Peace silver dollars (House Bill 3757) was introduced. The bill calls for some of the silver dollars to be produced in Carson City. If these commemorative dollars are of interest to you, be sure to let your congressman know of your support.

## Some Upcoming US Mint Products

September 5 – 2019 W American Eagle Reverse Proof Palladium Coin. The palladium coins were a quick sellout in 2017 and 2018 although the maximum mintage has been increased this year.

## New Books

*Managing & Settling a Numismatic Estate: How to Preserve or Dispose of a Coin Collection (3<sup>rd</sup> ed)* by the American Numismatic Association. A short and modest cost paperback.

## Useful Web Sites

[Coinweek.com is a free site that provides general numismatic information. https://coinweek.com/](https://coinweek.com/)

## Articles are always needed for this paper.

If you have an area you are interested in or would like more information on that topic, please feel free to notify me.

If you have a special coin you would like to showcase, let me know. Send a photo or I can photograph the coin for you and include it in the Die Break.

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