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The Diablo Die-Break

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A Coin Buffet!

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On the front cover: Club President Dave Davis, Jr. provided a number of tempting coins for our February meeting.

Our website: DIABLOCOINCLUB.COM

Announcements!

Membership Dues

Yearly dues for a Regular Membership are \$15.00, \$25.00 if you elect to receive our newsletter via snail mail. Junior Memberships (under 18) are \$10.00. Please join at the next club meeting, or send your check to the address on the application found later in this newsletter.

Social Media Links

Please Like and Follow our club on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/DiabloNumismaticSociety>

Please Follow us on Instagram at:

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Please Subscribe to our YouTube channel at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa4wbYC2qJl7-a_f8FWrSA, or look for Diablo Numismatic Society

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!

Monthly Meeting

The Club meets on the third Thursday of every month (except in March, July and December) at 7PM at the Clayton Community Library.

The address is:

6125 Clayton Rd.

Clayton, CA 94517

Youth Section I

Connecting America Through Coins.

Kids' interactive timeline:

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/>

Youth Section II

United States Mint Education Pages:

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

The President's Message

I went to the Livermore Coin Show on Sunday and there was a good turnout at the show.

I saw several of our members in attendance.

My greatest need was to replenish my supply of coins for the monthly coin drawing. I needed to talk to John Ward for two reasons; to discuss some coins he is selling for me, and to buy coins for our coin giveaway.

John has always been very generous in giving good discounts on coins I purchase for the giveaway. I ended up purchasing a little over \$2000 worth of coins for the giveaway.

You will be seeing these coins over the next several months.

I will also be attending the upcoming Cupertino show.

Thanks,

David F Davis Jr

The Secretary's Report

Diablo Numismatic Society Club Meeting Minutes Secretary's Report for February 15, 2024

Secretary's note: If you find any errors in this report, please let me know so that I can correct them. This is my second report as your new secretary and I might have missed some items of interest, although I think I did a better job this time.

This second meeting of 2024 was called to order by President Dave Davis at precisely 7:00 pm. President Davis led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag and welcomed all participants.

There were 40 people, mostly members, attending this meeting with one visitor and one guest present. The visitor's name was Del Miller from Martinez, a former coin shop owner from Los Angeles. He was so impressed with our coin club that he decided to become our newest member. Welcome aboard, Del! Our guest was Richard. I'm sorry Richard but I didn't get your last name, nor where you live. Maybe someone can help me with that one.

The On Time drawing was won by Neil Robertson and he received a 1907 (EF+) Indian Head Cent. By the way, Neil was also the presenter for this night's topic.

Treasurer Maria Stillwagon says the club has \$14,231.71 in the General Account and \$3,000.00 in the Coin Show Account. Not much change from the previous month.

The Secretary's Report

Announcements were as follows:

- (1) Michael Turrini said our own Maria Stillwagon was invited to speak at the Nickel Gallery on the University of Calgary campus in Canada on April 26th and 27th. The topic will be on Invasion Currency. She will also be speaking at the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's Convention in late July on the topic of Women in Numismatics. Congratulations Maria!
- (2) Dan DiCarlo had several flyers on upcoming coin shows, gem shows, and the Golden Gate Bottle Show. The Bottle show will be at the Contra Costa fairgrounds on April 20th.
- (3) Larry Casagrande talked about the San Jose and Cupertino Coin Shows.
- (4) President Davis asked the membership if someone could take over bringing in the club refreshments.
- (5) Maria Stillwagon said there are new badges available for all the members to wear. This will show that the members have paid for their dues.
- (6) Bob Luna said there are new business club cards available for the members to hand out to their friends. Thanks Bob!

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Meets on the Third Thursday of the month
Meeting Starts at 7pm
Doors Open at 6pm

Clayton Library
6125 Clayton Road
Clayton, CA 94517

Coin Programs • Drawings • Show & Tell • Youth Section
www.diablocoinclub.org



The Secretary's Report

Due to technical difficulties with getting the PowerPoint ready, the Show & Tell event was done next. Eight members participated in this fun event:

Manuel Cunha showed us some financial receipts from Eureka, CA that were made from 1888 to 1890,

Michael Turrini showed us his 1889-CC Morgan silver dollar certified from PCGS in Good, G4, condition. He also showed us his 1967 British Gold Sovereign that was a Coca Cola prize in Quebec, Canada,

Lloyd Chan showed us his well-worn Cleopatra bronze Egyptian coin that is around 2,100 years old, probably minted in Alexandria,

Brad Lee brought in some 2023-P, and D Maria Tallchief American Women Quarters to show us and to hand out to all of the members present. Thanks Brad!

Nicholas Tsakoyias brought in his 1888 British silver Crown coin,

Raul Ramirez showed us his 1914 One Peso Mexican Treasury Banknote,

Michael Ettner brought in his Franklin Mint Bossed British Stamps, and

Kyle Anderson showed us his 1968 collection of bronze medals from the Shell Oil Company depicting the Presidents of the United States.

The Show & Tell prize of a 1944-D (EF) 20 Centavos Philippines silver coin went to Brad Lee.

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After Show & Tell, Neil gave his presentation on Coins & Social Media. The DNS website has the title "Instagram & On-Line Platforms". He said the last five years has been good with a rise on social media coin talk primarily due to COVID-19. Social Media is mostly accessed through cell phones with advertising being the number one source of funding. He talked about the different types of social media where coin collecting is shared. They are Facebook, Twitter (X), Instagram, Tik Tok, Reddit, Discord, and Whatnot.

- (1) Facebook has the highest number of users talking about coin collecting; from buying to selling to trading to exchanging ideas. Beware of people who will take advantage of you by selling fake coins. There are virtual coin shows on Facebook.
- (2) Twitter, or X as it is now known, doesn't have much coin talk activity.
- (3) Instagram has more images and videos than the other platforms and tends to focus on the high end coin collector. There is some fraud here and it's not designed to sell coins. Larry said coin collecting is alive and well on Instagram. He says he has several followers.
- (4) Tik Tok is primarily based on the short form video format with not much on coin collecting.
- (5) Reddit has some talk on coins but it is more novice-based like "Look what I just found in my change! Does anyone know what it is?"
- (6) Discord is server-based which has a lot of talk on video gaming and hobbies like coin collecting of which there is some talk on.
- (7) Whatnot has a lot of coin shop live auctions going on with mainly common coins. Here you will find new collectors to our hobby and youth. As far as grading is concerned, Neil says these sites are based on virtual images of the coin and the grading is about 35% correct. He said to go to mycollect.com and try to grade coins using these virtual images. It can be tricky so beware! Thank you Neil for a great presentation!

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There was a 15 minute break after the presentation. After the break, there was the 50/50 drawing that had a total amount of \$51. The winner was Raul Ramirez who received \$26 with our club getting the remainder of \$25.

Our coin drawing winners were Don Hill, 2x, Nick Tsakoyias, 3x, Dan DiCarlo, 2x, Karen Stephenson, Michael Turrini, and our newest member, Del Miller. The grand prize was a PCGS 1941 Mercury Head Dime graded Proof 66. This was won by Karen Stephenson.

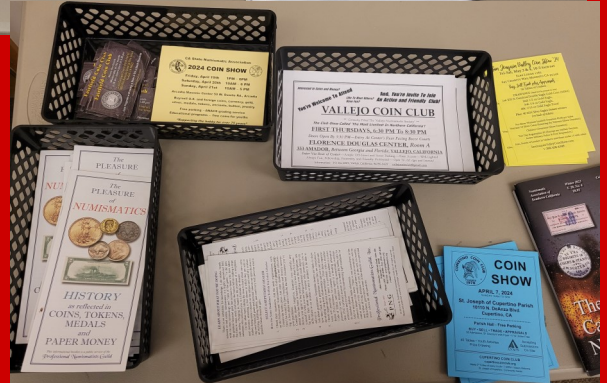
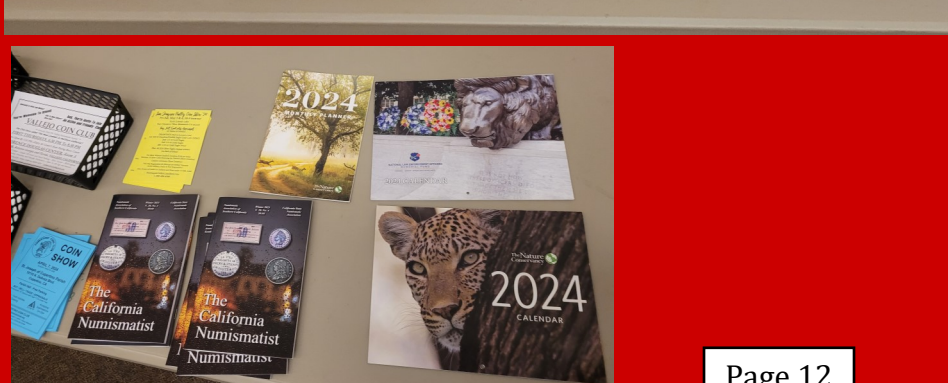
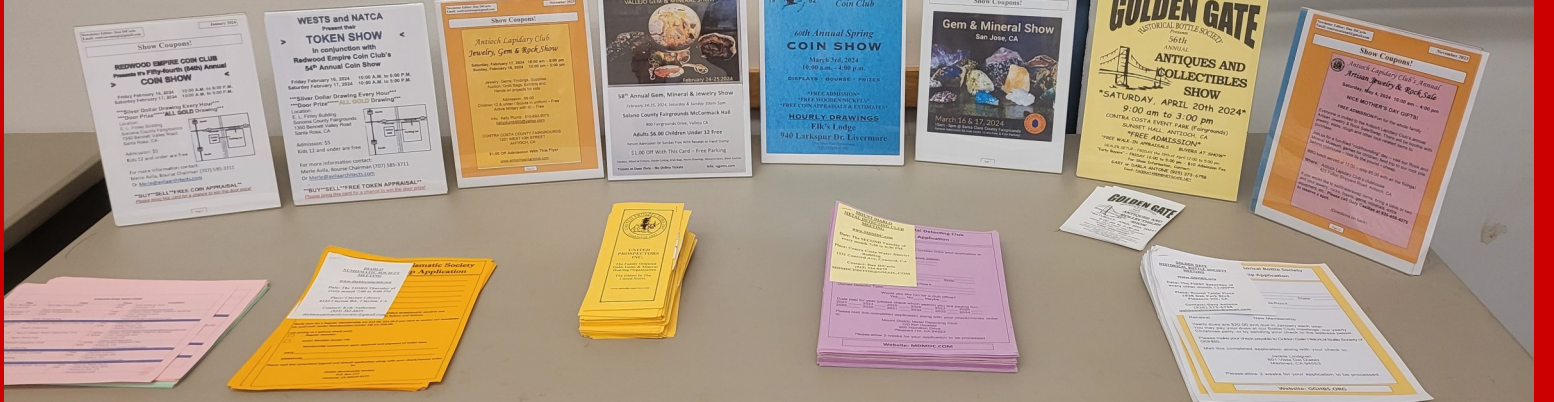
Our next coin club program for March 21st will be our club's 64th anniversary celebration! There will be an open discussion on coin collecting and some comments from our past presidents. There will also be an anniversary cake, cookies, and drinks so come hungry and eager to talk. Bring a friend if you can.

The Membership drawing was won by Sherry Morgan who received a 1944-P PCGS (MS65) graded Jefferson War Nickel.

This February meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Kyle Anderson, DNS VP / Secretary.*

February 2024 Meeting



2024 Program Schedule

JANUARY 18

ROBERT E LUNA - THE INDIAN HEAD CENT and AUCTION

FEBRUARY 15

NEIL ROBERTSON - INSTAGRAM & ON-LINE PLATFORMS

MARCH 21

OPEN DISCUSSION, DNS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—LOCATION: CLAYTON LIBRARY

APRIL 18

TBD

MAY 16

LLOYD CHAN - TREASURES FROM SHIPWRECKS and **AUCTION**

JUNE 20

LARRY CASAGRANDE - BUILDING a SILVER EAGLE TYPE SET

JULY 20

ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ - LOCATION: OLD BORGES RANCH, WALNUT CREEK

(NO MEETING)

AUGUST 15

TREVOR - Executive Director from the VALLEJO NAVAL & HISTORICAL MUSEUM

TOPIC TO BE DETERMINED

SEPTEMBER 19

EXHIBIT NIGHT - A THEMED TOPIC (must be) BOXED or FRAMED

OCTOBER 17

WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW

NOVEMBER 21

MARIA STILLWAGON - WOMEN IN NUMISMATICS

DECEMBER 8

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - LOCATION: ZIO FREDO'S, PLEASANT HILL

(NO MEETING)

Upcoming Shows and Events

Vacaville Coin Show

March 10, 2024

Vacaville Elks Lodge

302 Parker Street

Vacaville, CA 95688

South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show

March 15-16, 2024

1085 East El Camino Real

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show

April 7, 2024

St Joseph of Cupertino Parish

10110 N De Anza Blvd

Cupertino, CA 95014

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show

April 25-27, 2024

Four Points by Sheraton-Sacramento International Airport

4900 Duckhorn Drive

Sacramento, CA 95819

San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse

May 11, 2024

DoubleTree Hotel SSF

275 S. Airport Blvd.

S. San Francisco, CA 94080

T-Shirts!!!

The club has T-shirts for sale!

If you are interested in purchasing one of these once-in-a-lifetime items of clothing, please see a board member at one of our monthly meetings.



In order to keep the costs of the shirts at a reasonable price, the club needs to order the shirt in quantities of 24 OR HIGHER. If you place an order at one of our club meetings, and we have not yet reached that quantity threshold, rest assured that your shirt will be ordered once the threshold has been reached.

The shirts come in a variety of colors, as long as you order a Royal Blue shirt, and has our world-famous logo on the left chest and back areas.



You can order the shirt in short-sleeve (\$15.00) or long-sleeve (\$20.00).

So come to a meeting and buy a shirt or two.

Once they're all gone, we'll have to order more!

Coin Drawing Ticket Price Tier

1 through 9 tickets are \$1.00 apiece.

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

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

2024 March Coin Drawing!

MARCH Coin Drawing						
	Date	MM	Description	Cond.	Grade	Coin Value
1	1914	D	Lincoln Cent	PCGS	F12	\$340.00
2	1889		Morgan Dollar	PCGS	MS 64	\$155.00
3	1935	S	Washington Quarter	PCGS	AU 55	\$ 65.00
4	1882	S	Morgan Dollar	Raw	AU	\$ 60.00
5	2010		American Silver Eagle	NGC	MS 70	\$ 50.00
6	1964		Kennedy Half	Raw	MS 65	\$ 40.00
7	2004		Edison Commemorative	Raw	MS 65	\$ 40.00
8	1854		Seated Liberty Silver round - Donated by Jim Gallegus - 1 oz.	Raw	Proof	\$ 30.00
9	1940	S	Washington Quarter - Cleaned	PCGS	Genuine	\$ 30.00
10	1969	S	Lincoln Cent	NGC	PF 67*	\$ 10.00
			Total			\$820.00



Diablo Numismatic Society Membership Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP+4: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Collecting Interests: _____

I hereby apply for Membership in the DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY and further agree to adhere to its Bylaws and Policies.

Yearly dues for a Regular Membership are \$15.00, \$25.00 if you elect to receive our newsletter via snail mail. Junior Memberships (under 18) are \$10.00.

I am joining as a (please check one):

Regular Member

Junior Member (under 18)

Membership commences upon approval and payment of initial dues

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

**Please mail this completed (signed and dated) application along with your check/
money order to:**

**Diablo Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 177
Concord, CA 94520-0177**