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Hawaii!!!

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On the front cover: Club President Kyle Anderson presents an informative discussion about the currency of Hawaii in our April monthly meeting.

Our website: DIABLOCOINCLUB.COM

Announcements!

Membership Dues

Yearly club memberships are now due. Please pay your dues 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>*

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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/>

President's Message

Welcome Back Diablo Numismatic Society

May is the month to celebrate the beginning of summer, mothers, and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect this great country of ours. I had a great time celebrating Mother's Day with my family down on the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz. We also celebrated my son's 29th birthday down there on the beach. On past Memorial Day observances, the boy scouts and I placed American flags on the graves in Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno on the peninsula. I salute all of you who served in the armed services and your families to keep our country safe!

May is also the month when we start taking reservations for our upcoming July BBQ. I have to change the date from Saturday, July 15th, to July 22nd which is also on a Saturday. We will be meeting at Old Borges Ranch in Walnut Creek from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The price is \$20.00 per person with kids under 18 years of age free of charge. We will be having a very tasty menu brought to you by your club's board members. This will include BBQ chicken and all the fixings. We will also have our coin drawing after our dinner. There will be no regular meeting for July. Please plan on attending!!!

President's Message

Last month we enjoyed the presentation on the Coins & Currency from Old Hawaii. This was done during National Coin Week which is put on by the American Numismatic Association, ANA. We also had our quarterly coin auction care of Bill Hickman. Thank you so much Bill!

This month will be the club's 777th meeting since 1960. We will be having a presentation on Liberty Seated Dollars, Morgan Dollars, & their Counterfeits by our good friend, Scott Griffin. You don't want to miss his talk. It will be super informative.

You might have noticed that our website has a new look to it. That's because we switched to a new web host provider in order to save some money. A big Thank You to Dan DiCarlo for putting the finishing touches on our website.

If you have any friends who would be interested in history and coin collecting, please invite them and bring them to this next meeting. We will be having our usual Show & Tell and coin drawing with lots of coins to choose from. We will also have our On-Time and Membership coin drawings as well. See you soon!

Until then, God bless,

Kyle Anderson,

(925) 382-8825, kma2001@yahoo.com

Secretary's Report

The president opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

"On Time" coin of a 1951S Franklin half dollar was won by Larry Casagrande.

Treasurer's Report: the general fund has \$12,304.08; the show account has \$2664.

Announcements:

Maria has our coin show drawing tickets; booklet of 25 for \$20.

Bill Hickman stated there will be a coin auction tonight.

Bob Luna provided copies of coin articles.

Larry has flyers for the upcoming coin shows in the area.

Dave stated that there are \$800 worth of coins in the drawing tonight.

Dan asked for orders to be placed for club T-shirts.

Raul reminded everyone of the 50-50 drawing.

Bob Stone, a visitor, made a donation to the club of coins from his mothers estate. Other first time guests were: Mark Thompson, Alan Schafonos, and father & son, Chris and Drew Sodergren. All received a 1st time coin gift.

Gene Berry has an electronic counterfeit paper currency tester for sale for \$150 (List price is \$250).

President Kyle presented \$20 drawing certificates to Brad Lee and Bill Hickman, for their help with the coin show. He also presented an award to Bob Luna for his Manila Mint presentation to the club.

Secretary's Report

Program: President, Kyle Anderson took us on a tour of the Hawaiian islands and shared the history of the "Coins and Currency of Old Hawaii". Instrumental to their monetary system was King Kalākaua (1874-1891) who traveled around the world and brought back sample coins. In 1898 President McKinley signed the "Newlands Resolution" officially annexing the Hawaiian islands to the United States. In 1904 by an act of Congress the Hawaiian coins were demonetized & in 1942 bank notes were over printed with the capital letters, HAWAII to serve as emergency currency during World War II.

"ALO-HA"! We all want to go!! (and maybe find our own treasures there).

Show & Tell:

1. Manuel Cunha shared memorabilia from Hawaii, and his family history starting there in the 1900s.
2. Neal showed a 1781 Bavarian token with adjustment marks, and a 1428 Hessian coin.
3. Nick shared his 2019, 50th anniversary Apollo lunar landing coin.
4. William (our penny, collector) found, in a roll of pennies, a silver 1926 Indian coin!
5. Rob showed Hawaiian souvenir tokens.
6. Larry shared his 1883 type set of rare Hawaiian coins.
7. Tom Spohn showed his British new mintage two coin set of Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III; and pointed out that Charles has NOT been crowned yet!! Oops!!
8. Karen S. Shared a 1974 Kruggerand from Glenn's collection.

The winner of the show & tell drawing was Nick; a walking liberty half dollar.

Auction: approximately a dozen coins went quickly with Bill Hickman's expertise as auctioneer (he knows how to make us pay and make it fun!)

50/50 Drawing: won by Beth

Membership Drawing: winner Bob Luna.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM respectfully submitted by Madelin Palmieri.

Advanced "Thank You" to Maria who will take minutes for the May meeting.

April Meeting!



2023 Program Schedule

Jan. 19

Open discussion – coin collecting, where we’ve been, where we’re headed.

Glenn Stephenson Tribute by Karen Stephenson

Installation of club officers & coin auction

Feb 16

ROBERT E LUNA – THE “M” MINT, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Mar 16

ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET

A.N.A. HISTORY & DNS 63RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. ALSO, DNS CLUB AWARDS.

Apr 20

KYLE ANDERSON – THE COINS & BANKNOTES FROM THE KINGDOM AND REPUBLIC OF HAWAII

May 18

SCOTT GRIFFIN – SEATED & MORGAN DOLLARS & THEIR COUNTERFEITS

Jun 15

MY FAVORITE COIN, MEDAL, BANKNOTE, OR COLLECTION.

Jul 15

ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ – OLD BORGES RANCH IN WALNUT CREEK FROM 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM. **(NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING)**

Aug 17

RAUL RAMIREZ – HISTORY OF THE MYSTERIOUS MEXICAN PESO

Sep 21

EXHIBIT NIGHT – A THEMED TOPIC BOXED or FRAMED

Oct 19

WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW

Nov 16

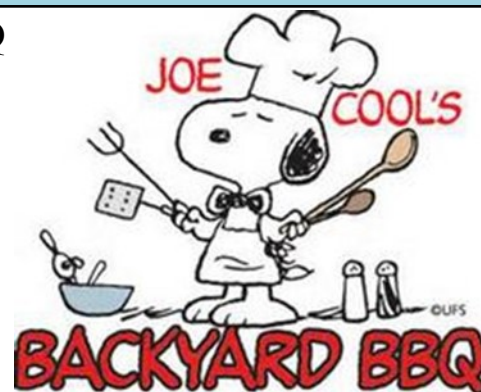
LET’S JUST SOCIALIZE and AUCTION

Dec 10

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – Texas Back 40 6PM. **(NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING)**

2023 Diablo Numismatic Society's July BBQ Picnic!!!

It's that time of the year again! It's time for our annual July BBQ to be held on **Saturday, July 22nd, 2023** at **Old Borges Ranch** in the foothills of Walnut Creek located at **1035 Castle Rock Road**. Our BBQ will go from **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** We will start with snacks and drinks. Dinner will be catered by our very own D.N.S. Board Members. Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. Our coin drawing will follow dinner and be held around 5:00 p.m.



The menu is as follows: BBQ pork ribs, chicken quarters, Asian salad, fresh fruit salad, BBQ beans, dinner rolls with butter, soft drinks, and Dave's famous cookies. Feel free to bring some snacks to share before the dinner. Ice cold bottled water will be made available during the whole event.

Admission price is **\$20.00 per person** which will be collected at our May and June meetings.

Directions:

From Highway 680, take the Treat Blvd exit and head east on Treat toward Mt. Diablo. In about one mile, turn right onto Bancroft Road. As you cross over Ygnacio Valley Road, it turns into Walnut Avenue. Continue on Walnut Avenue for about 1.5 miles. Turn right at the traffic circle onto Oak Grove Road. As you pass Northgate High School on your right the road turns into Castle Rock Road. Continue for about one mile and turn right at the Old Borges Ranch sign. Enter the gate and drive on the one lane private road for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the **lower parking lot**. We will be holding the event at the lower parking area due to the fact that the barn in the upper parking area will not be rented out.

Option to mail checks to:

Diablo Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 177
Concord, CA 94522-0177

Please get your reservations in by July 1st.

Name _____ Party Number _____

Amount Paid _____

Upcoming Shows and Events

NorCal - East Bay Coin Show

Jun 9th - 10th, 2023

Concord Plaza Hotel

45 John Glenn Dr.

Concord, CA 94520

CoinExpo San Jose

Sept 23rd - 24th, 2023

DoubleTree Hotel

2050 Gateway Pl.

San Jose, CA 95110

Contra Costa Coin Show

Oct 13th - 15th, 2023

Elk's Lodge

1475 Creekside Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94520

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I have a new microscope!



I have a new microscope!

I wanted a microscope that would enable full viewing of the coin and extreme closeups.

This one does the job. This is the 1 x TOMLOV DM201 Pro HDMI Digital Microscope 1200X, 10 Inch.

There are a lot of similar looking models, be sure the magnification range starts out at 1x. This way you can display the whole silver dollar in the picture. Also, you can zoom in to the full 1200 power magnification. It will not capture an entire third-party graded holder, the holder is too big.



I have a new microscope!



I am also able to highlight the re-punched mint-mark on this quarter. There is a light in the microscope body, and it is adjustable for intensity. If more light is needed, whether it is side lighting or you just need additional light, there are two lights on adjustable stalks on each side. They can be used with or without the light in the microscope body. They can also be moved around for the desired lighting effect.

The price for this model was \$180.00. I found it on the Walmart.com website.

— Dave Davis

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.

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| \$ 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 |

2023 May Coin Drawing!!

| | Date | MM | Description | Cond. | Grade | Coin Value |
|----|------|----|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | 1923 | | Peace Dollar | PCGS | MS 64 | \$ 115.00 |
| 2 | 1943 | | Walking Liberty Half | NGC | MS 64 | \$ 90.00 |
| 3 | 1885 | | Morgan Dollar | PCGS | MS 63 | \$ 80.00 |
| 4 | 2009 | | American Silver Eagle - Early strike | NGC | MS 69 | \$ 60.00 |
| 5 | 1889 | CC | Morgan Dollar - Copy | Raw | Proof | \$ 50.00 |
| 6 | 1944 | | Mercury Dime | NGC | MS 66 | \$ 25.00 |
| 7 | 1999 | | Lincoln Cent - Broadstruck | ANACS | MS 64 Red | \$ 25.00 |
| 8 | 1961 | | Canada Dollar | Raw | XF | \$ 18.00 |
| 9 | 1962 | | Canada Dollar | Raw | Unc | \$ 18.00 |
| 10 | 1963 | D | Franklin Half | Raw | Unc | \$ 15.00 |
| 11 | 1973 | | Canadian Dollar | Raw | Unc | \$ 15.00 |
| 12 | | | Roosevelt Dime and Jefferson Nickel | Raw | Unc | \$ 12.00 |
| 13 | 1961 | | Kennedy Half - Inaugurate Medal | Raw | Unc | \$ 10.00 |
| 14 | 1940 | D | Washington Qtr | Raw | Good | \$ 7.00 |
| 15 | 1967 | | Kennedy Half - Silver | Raw | MS 63 | \$ 6.00 |
| | | | Total | | | \$ 546.00 |



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**