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Welcome to the club!!!

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On the front cover: Club President Kyle Anderson welcomes guests to our February 2023 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

Happy 63rd Anniversary Diablo Numismatic Society!!

Time is flying by! It seems like only yesterday that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and predicted 6 more weeks of winter. That was back on the morning of February 2nd. I think he got it right this year. He's only been right about 50% of the time going all the way back to 1887.



Now, we are into the month of March. Coming up, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March Madness, and the 63rd anniversary or birthday of our coin club. It was on March 4th, 1960, when Stanley Lee and Sergeant Robert McGarrigle created the Diablo Numismatic Society here in Concord.

Last month, Bob Luna gave his presentation on the history of the Manila mint when the Philippines was under American sovereignty and also on Japanese Occupation Currency during WWII. Thank you, Bob.

This month will be the club's 775th monthly meeting. We will celebrate our club's anniversary with some cake and soft drinks. The presentation for this meeting will be on the American Numismatic Association's history and on the A.N.A.'s National Coin Week which happens every April. We will also be giving out several awards which you will not want to miss. Please, those members who have received the Fellow of the Society award are encouraged to wear their honorary medallion to this special meeting.

President's Message

Happy 63rd Anniversary Diablo Numismatic Society!!

Another incentive for coming to this month's meeting besides the cake, the A.N.A., and awards will be club T-shirts. Yes, we will be offering t-shirts for a sales price of \$15.00 each. Those of you who would like a long sleeved shirt, the price will be \$20.00 each. What a great way to support your club and let the community know about us.

Your club dues are now due for 2023. If possible, please pay your \$15.00 at this meeting. The fees are \$25.00 if you elect to get our newsletter via snail mail. Remember, March is the last month to pay for your membership dues.

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. Please come and help us celebrate 63 years of coin collecting fun here in Concord.

Until then, God bless,

Kyle Anderson

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Secretary's Report

President Kyle Anderson opened the meeting at 7 PM with the pledge to the Flag.

There were 29 people in attendance with three guests: Joe Hunt, & Steve & Angie Vorpahl.

The "on-time drawing" of a 1944 walking liberty coin was won by Linda Cunha.

Announcements: our guests were welcomed by Kyle, and reminded that "every coin has a story".

Bob Luna gifted coins to all first timers.

Dave Davis brought two books on counterfeit money to share.

The Livermore coin show is March 5.

Bob and Raul are collecting dues.

Karen Stephenson collected for the 50-50 drawing.

Dan DiCarlo was shown appreciation for his newsletter and information.

Kyle showed pictures of the T-shirt with the DNS logo that we can purchase for approximately \$14.

Raul asked for explanation of the symbols of the logo. Research says: Mount Diablo, the book stands for knowledge, the oil lamp for wisdom, and the horn of plenty for prosperity.

Program: Bob Luna presented the program on the Manila Mint, which was opened as a branch mint in 1920. It was destroyed and looted by the Japanese in 1945. There was separate coinage for the leper colony struck in aluminum and brass. Bob passed out spiral bound copies of his program for each of us.

Secretary's Report

Share & Tell:

1. Raul shared a legit looking \$100 bill, but printed on the back was motion picture use only.
 2. Neal showed 4 Holy Roman Empire coins, dated 1516,1522,&1439!!
 3. Brad Lee shared the newest Sacajawea coin with Maria Tallchief on the reverse. She was of the Osage Tribe and became a prima ballerina. Brad gave one of these 2023 coins to each attendee, a beautiful display of generosity.
 4. Don Hill showed a coin from the Paris mint, produced to raise funds for the Ukrainian relief with the word "solidarity".
 5. Bob Luna showed a 1925 one peso brass Culion Leper Colony, saying very few survive of the only 30,000 that were ever minted.
- Show & Tell winner: of a Panama 1/10 silver Balboa, was Neal Robertson.

Dan spoke about advertising & promoting the club, & how the T shirts help lead into a conversation about the club.

50/50 Drawing: 1/2 is used for refreshments, & 1/2 to the winner. Tonight's winner was Raul who won \$48!

Coin Drawing: Karen Stephenson won THREE times and the rest of us had a great time, laughing as she remained upfront, anticipating the next draw!

Membership Drawing: Tom Posin (?) won a 1907 "O" Barber half dollar.

Next meeting is March 16th and will be our Anniversary meeting. Kyle promises cake!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

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 GRIFFEN – 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)**

Upcoming Shows and Events

South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show **Mar 17th - 18th, 2023**

Domain Hotel

1085 East El Camino Real

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show **Apr 28th - 30th, 2023**

Four Points Sheraton Hotel

4900 Duckhorn Drive

Sacramento, CA 95834

SF Area Coin & Collectibles Show **May 6th - 7th, 2023**

DoubleTree Hotel South San Francisco

275 S Airport Blvd

South San Francisco, CA 94080

NorCal - East Bay Coin Show **Jun 9th - 10th, 2023**

Concord Plaza Hotel

45 John Glenn Dr.

Concord, CA 94520

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show **Sep 23rd - 24th, 2023**

Four Points Sheraton Hotel

4900 Duckhorn Drive

Sacramento, CA 95834

Contra Costa Coin Show **Oct 13th - 15th, 2023**

Elk's Lodge

1475 Creekside Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94520

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Sacramento Valley Coin Club

66th Anniversary Spring Show

Friday April 28th, 2023 1PM to 6PM

Saturday April 29th, 2023 10AM to 5PM

Sunday April 30th, 2023 10AM to 4PM

At The Four Points by Sheraton
4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834

Admission: \$3.00

"\$1 off with this coupon"

Under the age of 18: free

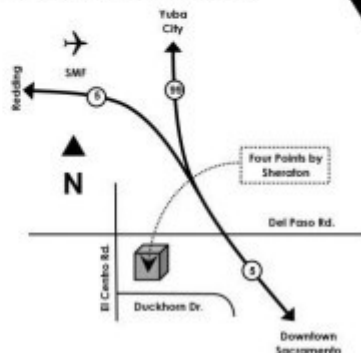
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Youth Activities on Saturday

Website: SacValcc.org



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Coin Grading – AU or BU: Understanding the Difference

Coin grading practices are based on common sense aided by experience. In many instances, the difference between two grades can be a significant amount of your hard-earned money. This is especially true comparing the prices of **About Uncirculated** (AU) and **Brilliant Uncirculated** (BU or Mint State) coins.

Plainly stated, a coin is no longer BU or Mint State if it displays any wear or rub.

It's no secret that many coins having some degree of wear or rub look at first glance to be Mint State. We'll briefly touch upon both wear and rub.

But how does one determine if the coin has wear? That's easy: look at the high points. And what are the high points? The highest points of a coin are those areas that rise up more than the other areas of a coin. In the case of a portrait coin, the highest points would be the hair, the ear, and the cheek. Each coin is different though because of the differences in design.

It's also important that you look for discoloration in the area of the high points. Each coin-age metal changes in color a bit differently after experiencing wear, friction, or rub.

Here's a handy chart to help you.

- The high points of copper coins turn a darkish brown.
- The high points of nickel coins turn a dark gray.
- The high points of silver coins turn a dull gray.
- The high points of gold coins turn dull or dark gold.

Wear on the high points will almost always feature this discoloration. Additionally, the mint luster will be interrupted on a coin that has wear, friction, or rub. This is not the situation with Mint State coins. They will always feature uninterrupted mint luster.

Coin Grading – AU or BU: Understanding the Difference

When attempting to distinguish a Mint State coin from one that is About Uncirculated, nothing can be more difficult to find than a “rub”. “Rub” is a term used to identify a very small area on a coin that shows evidence of having seen circulation, no matter how briefly. It can easily come about by improper handling. Rub is basically slight friction resulting from the coin’s having been in circulation, even as a pocket piece.

The experienced numismatist takes ample time to properly evaluate all coins very closely during the buying process. To parody the saying “Haste makes waste”, I would say that “Haste makes waste... of your pocketbook”.

Once you’ve mastered the differences between About Uncirculated and Mint State you will have defended yourself against unscrupulous sellers attempting to sell you About Uncirculated coins as Mint State examples.

Of course, with the advent of third-party coin grading and encapsulation services, these fears are virtually eliminated. The key word being “virtually”. Remember that we’re all human and we all make mistakes. This applies to third-party grading services as well. If you’re like me, you may wish to purchase “raw” or unencapsulated coins from time to time. I want to make sure that I am well prepared to assess any potential purchase very carefully.

As to magnification, I have used a 5x lens for many years. The “5x” means that the coin and elements on the coin are magnified five times the actual size. It’s best to view the entire coin first when looking for wear and, if something attracts your eye, view that particular area very carefully.

Coin Grading – AU or BU: Understanding the Difference

Toned coins can present a problem to the untrained eye. Some, in fact, can be very deceptive. This is especially true when we become mesmerized by a beautifully toned coin displaying several magnificent colors. And these colors will most likely appear on the high points. No doubt you'll skip right over the high points at first – I know I do. Admittedly, in this instance wear is almost impossible to detect.

Notice I said “almost”. Look long and hard and, with experience, you will see the wear if it is indeed present.

Be particularly careful with gold coins.

Just about every gold coin “looks” Mint State at first or even second glance. This is because gold coins retain some mint luster indefinitely. As with all coins, a gold coin that is not Mint State will show wear, friction, or rub and will not display the uninterrupted mint luster that is absolutely necessary for a coin to be classified as Mint State.

I hope this brief discourse has been of use and that you will become more proficient in your coin grading and, therefore, buying tendencies. After all, it's your money.

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Article Suggestion: Robert Luna

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<https://coinweek.com/coins/coin-collecting-strategies-2/tips-for-new-collectors/coin-grading-au-bu-understanding-difference/>

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

2023 March Coin Drawing!!

	Date	MM	Description	Cond.	Grade	Coin Value
1	1941		Washington Quarter	Raw	PR 65	\$ 130.00
2	1944	D	Walking Liberty Half	PCGS	MS 64	\$ 96.00
3	1999	P	Roosevelt Dime - Broadstruck Part Brockage	ANACS	MS 63	\$ 50.00
4	1943		Lincoln Cent - Steel	PCGS	MS 66	\$ 41.00
5	2000		Planchet - Mint Error	NGC	MS	\$ 40.00
6	2005	S	Silver Proof Set	Mint Pkg	PR 67	\$ 36.00
7	1962		Franklin Half	Raw	PR 66	\$ 35.00
8	1963		Franklin Half	Raw	PR 66	\$ 35.00
9	2015	W	Roosevelt Dime - Reverse Proof	Raw	PR 68	\$ 27.00
10	2009		\$20 Dollar Star Note	Raw	CU	\$ 25.00
11	1958		Canadian Silver Dollar	Raw	MS 63	\$ 20.00
12	1971	S	Eisenhower Dollar	Mint Pkg	PR 65	\$ 15.00
						\$ 550.00



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):

☐

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☐

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/
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