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# The Diablo Die-Break

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**On the front cover:** An 1893 Indian head penny was found in recent change. Read the article about this amazing find later on.

***Our website: [DIABLOCOINCLUB.COM](http://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

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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!**

## **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

*September, 2023*

*End of Summer*

*We are less than one month away from having our annual Coin and Collectibles Show at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Creekside Drive. Larry Casagrande has all of the dealers ready to go and has reached out to the membership for help in setting up and tearing down the show. Let him know if you are available to help. It will start on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and finish on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The conclusion will be marked with our fantastic coin show drawing. Admission is \$5.00 for all three days. Please let all of your friends know about the coin show and please plan on attending.*

*Last month, we had Raul Ramirez give his presentation on the Mexican Peso entitled "Reales to Pesos". It was very informative and insightful. He will be presenting it again at the annual CSNA / NCNA Joint Forum to be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum. We also had our quarterly coin auction put on by Bill Hickman and our regular coin drawing conducted by Dave Davis. Thank you very much Raul, Bill, and Dave.*



# President's Message

*This month will mark our 781<sup>st</sup> meeting since our founding back in 1960. Exhibit and Display Night will dominate our September 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. This is where you, the members of D.N.S., can create an exhibit on a certain numismatic topic that is of interest to you and talk about it to everyone in attendance. There will be First, Second, and Third Place winner certificates handed out at the end of the meeting.*

*I'm finalizing the details on our upcoming Christmas party to be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting reservations starting at our regular October meeting. I'm sorry to let you know that the admission price will be going up from \$30.00 per person. I'll let you know what the final price will be soon.*

*Please plan on attending this meeting. You don't want to miss it. We will also be having our usual Show & Tell and coin drawing with lots of coins to choose from. I'm very much looking forward to seeing all of you again. Please come and enjoy each other and our hobby! Please bring a friend along, if you can.*

*Until then, God bless,*

*Kyle Anderson,  
(925) 382-8825,  
[kma2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kma2001@yahoo.com)*

# Secretary's Message

Meeting called to order at 7:08 with a pledge to the flag by President Kyle Anderson. There were 41 in attendance; including 4 guests: Jesus, James, Bambi, & Keith who chose to join the club! Welcome!

**Announcements: 1)** Michael Turrini: announced the joint forum to be held November 30th Speakers to be, Raul Ramirez, Dr. Lloyd Chan, and Marina Fisher.

**2)** Bill Hickman: sent a sympathy card to Michael Jordan on the death of his wife; Mark Clarkson has been spending time with his Dad who moved to Woodland.

And, Bill expressed an emotional "thank-you" to Linda Cunha for suggesting he see a doctor about a spot on his head which turned out to be malignant. All AOK; and he's promising to pay more attention to his wife's suggestions in the future! Everyone cares!

**3)** Bob Luna : there are still raffle tickets available for our coin show.

**4)** Larry Casagrande: named people who are stepping up to help with the coin shell; Raul, Gene, Manuel, Linda, Lindy, Brad, Mike, Don, and Dave, Kyle, and anyone else who would like to help!

30 dealers will be on hand. Global Security is set.

**Treasurer's report:** general fund: \$11,715.93; show fund : \$ 13,055.12 . Any outstanding bills for the barbecue should be submitted to Maria Stillwagon.

**Program:** Raul Ramirez, presented a very interesting history of Mexican money titled: Reales to Pesos. I found it particularly interesting that cacao beans served as the monetary exchange in the early days. (200=1 silver real) The first mint was established in 1835 in Nueva Galicia. 1821 Mexico declared/won its independence from Spain.

Raul showed a photo of the 1823 stamping press nicknamed " the ballerina".



# Secretary's Message

**Auction:** Bill Hickman did his masterful job as auctioneer, & everyone went away happy with either their sale, or purchase!

Linda Cunha's assistance always appreciated!

**Show & Tell:** Don Hill showed the newest Liberty gold coin featuring a bristle cone pine.

Michael Turrini showed an 1847 Hawaiian cent, & quoted, "buy the book before the coin"

Nick Tsakoyias had an 1893 Columbian half dollar

Larry Casagrande showed an inaugural sample slab CAC containing a 2000P quarter.

Dave Davis showed the 2023 proof peace silver dollar and proof Morgan, silver dollar.

Neil Robertson displayed an 1812. Lira coin.

**50/50 drawing:** of \$34 was won by Bob Luna

**Coin Raffle:** winners were: Karen Stephenson (4x), Nick (3x), Michael (3x), Beth (2x), Tom Spohn (2x), William Silvy (2x), Bill Hickman, Brad Lee, and Paul Wong.

**Membership drawing prize:** was a 1907D Barber half dollar.

Meeting was closed at 9p.m.

A BIG thank you to Karen Stephenson for agreeing to take minutes for the September meeting....Display Night.....most sincerely, Madelin

# Michael Turrini's Article!

**Club member Michael Turrini** recently had a letter published in the August 23 edition of *Numismatic News*:

<https://www.numismaticnews.net/community/letters-to-the-editor-aug-23-2023>

Here is the letter:

## **An 1893 Indian Head Cent Found in Change**

In 1893, according to statistics, five pounds of flour retailed for 14.5 cents, one pound of bacon sold for 12.5 cents, butter by the pound went for 25.5 cents, a half gallon of milk was bought with 13.5 cents and five pounds of sugar could be had for 34.5 cents. Interesting, these statistics were tabulated into the half cents, even though half cents had ceased decades previously.

Inflation and the modern economy have changed these prices.

Recently, prominent pioneering longtime Martinez, Calif., socialites and ranchers, farming on property traced back to the 1890s, went shopping at a local Safeway, likely for the items noted above.

# Michael Turrini's Article!

True, the prices have increased but, in change, Manual Cunha, respected Martinez civic citizen, received an 1893 Indian Head cent, in his change. This 1893 cent would be graded Fine to Very Fine with a faint full Liberty.

Manual and his wife, Linda, a day later attended the neighboring Livermore Valley Coin Club meeting, sharing this cent in the show-and-tells, and it generated smiles and “wows.” The Cunhas allowed me to have the 1893 Indian head cent to author a submission for *Numismatic News*.

This does confirm that one should check his or her change and that paying in cash might, just might, bring “bling” in one’s hand, over swiping or inserting a credit or debit card.

# Michael Turrini's Article!

Yet, just as interesting is, how did an Indian cent continue in circulation for 130 years? Also, if that cent could talk, the whole realm of the great and famous events and happenings (and not so famous plus infamous) this cent witnessed. How many pockets and purses did it pass through? Truly, Manual and Linda did find "history in their hands."

Most obviously, the 1893 Indian cent was from a collection. But, for *Numismatic News* readers, it is a tale to share. I would welcome other readers to share like or similar finds. The joy of our "world of money" is not only in slabs or MS grading or full album pages; it is in the finding.

Some years ago, John P. Russell, Jr., active in northern California local coin clubs, once remarked, "the hunt and the finding are the thrill." An 1893 Indian Head cent in change at a Safeway in Martinez, Calif., is verification of that remark.

*Michael S. Turrini*  
*Vallejo, Calif.*

# 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

## CoinExpo San Jose

Sep 23rd - 24th, 2023

DoubleTree Hotel

2050 Gateway Blvd.

San Jose, CA 95110

## Contra Costa Coin Show    See Flyer

Oct 13th - 15th, 2023

Elk's Lodge

1475 Creekside Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94520

## The Delta Coin Club Show

Oct. 21, 2023

Eagle's Hall

1492 Bourbon Street

Stockton, CA 95204

## The Sacramento Coin Show

Nov 3-4, 2023

Lions Gate Hotel

3410 Westover Street

McClellan, CA 95652

## The South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show

Nov 10-11, 2023

Domain Hotel

1085 East El Camino Real

Sunnyvale, CA 94087



# Our Show Coupon!!!

**BUY • SELL • TRADE • FREE APPRAISALS**

**\$5<sup>00</sup>** Admission for all days - **\$1<sup>00</sup>** Off With Flyer  
DRAWING PRIZES Children under 12 FREE!

## Contra Costa Coin & Collectibles Show

**October 13, 14, & 15, 2023**

FRIDAY	12:00pm - 6:00pm
SATURDAY	10:00am - 6:00pm
SUNDAY	10:00am - 4:00pm

*Best 3-Day Coin Show in  
Northern California!*

## Elks Lodge

**1475 Creekside Drive - Walnut Creek, Ca 94596**

Coins • Currency • Tokens • Medals **FREE**  
• Estate Jewelry & Watches • Supplies **PARKING**

Larry Casagrande (925) 683-1180 - [Info@DiabloCoinClub.org](mailto:Info@DiabloCoinClub.org)  
Diablo Numismatic Society P.O. Box 177 Concord, CA 94522-0177

### Map to Contra Costa Coin Show Elks Lodge 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94596

#### Traveling 680 North:

- Take exit 45A onto S. Main St.
- Turn right onto Creekside Dr.
- Proceed up the hill veering right
- Elks Lodge Parking is on the right

#### Traveling 680 South:

- Take exit 45A onto S. Main St.
- Turn left onto S. Main St.
- Turn right onto Creekside Dr.
- Proceed up the hill veering right
- Elks Lodge Parking is on the right

#### Traveling South on S. Main St

- Turn left onto Creekside

# Our Show Vendor List

DEALER BUSINESS	NAME	City / State
WITTER COIN	Seth Chandler	San Francisco, CA
IBERIAN INTERNATIONAL	Michael Fuertes	Patterson, CA
K & K COLLECTIBLES	Kevin Wolf	Chatsworth, CA
MARE METEORITES	Mike Martinez	Lathrop, CA
DNS CLUB TABLE	Kyle Anderson	Concord, CA
CLOVIS CARDS & COINS	Phillip Plettner	Clovis, CA
ROB MARTIN RARE COINS	Rob Martin	Fremont, CA
AMERICANA COIN	Nelson Sagastume	Sacramento, CA
BRODY COLLECTION	Jeff Brody	Jenner, CA
EXCELSIOR COIN GALLERY	John Christen	Sacramento, CA
PLAIA NUMISMATICS	John Playa	Anaheim, CA
FORBIS NUMISMATICS	Jerry Forbis	Pinedale, CA
KYLE LUBKE	Kyle Lubke	Hamilton, MO
GRIFFIN COINS	Scott Griffin	Suisun, CA
GLENN SCHINKE	Glen Shinke	Montrose, CA
WARGO ENTERPRISES	Joe Wargo	Millbrae, CA
S.F. COINS, COLLECTIBLES, & ANTIQUES	Jessie Zhang	San Francisco, CA
KURT HERRMANN RARE COINS	Kurt Herrmann	San Jose, CA
DEL ROSA STAMP & COIN	Armando Nieto	San Bernardino, CA
CENTRAL BAY COIN EXCHANGE	Kirk Ance	Capitola, CA
CLASSICAL NUMISMATIST	Ken Dorney	Redding, CA
DAVE SHOWERS COINS AND COLLECTIBLES	Dave Showers	Davis, CA
SUNNY'S COINS AND CURRENCY	Sunny Kang	Anaheim, CA
FRAGNER & FRAGNER, LTD.	Will Fragner	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
McINTOSH COLLECTIBLES	Peter McIntosh	Sacramento, CA
SILICON VALLEY COINS	John Marburger	San Mateo, CA
NORA'S	Nora & Aldeh Hallaway	Sunnyvale, CA
BRUCE BARAGA RARE COINS	Bruce Baraga	Rancho Murieta, CA
JOE'S COINS & COLLECTIBLES	Joe Dematteo	Walnut Creek, CA
ARNOLD COIN EXCHANGE	Al Arnold	Rosamond, CA
PAHRUMP COIN SHOP	Bill Woverton	Pahrump, CA
MUSA NUMISMATIC ART	Glen Lindwall	Berkeley, CA

# 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	<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

# 2023 September Coin Drawing!!

	Date	MM	Description	Cond.	Grade	Coin Value
1	1941	S	Mercury Dime	NGC	MS 66 FB	\$ 150.00
2	1849		Large Cent	Raw	EF40	\$ 93.75
3	1923		Peace Dollar	PCGS	MS 63	\$ 90.00
4	1956		US Proof Set	Raw	Proof	\$ 65.00
5	1995		Lincoln Cent - Double Die Obv.	PCI	MS 67 Rd	\$ 60.00
6	1942		Walking Liberty Half	PCGS	MS 62	\$ 55.00
7	1999		Lincoln Cent – Broadstruck, Part Brockage	ANACS	MS 64 Red	\$ 25.00
8	1962		Franklin Half	Raw	PR 66	\$ 20.00
9	1961		Roosevelt Dime	Raw	PR 68	\$ 12.00
10	1963	D	Franklin Half	Raw	BU	\$ 12.00
11	1960	D	Roosevelt Dime - 3 Coins - 1949, 1960, 1964	Raw	MS 63	\$ 7.00
						\$ 589.75



# 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**

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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/  
money order to:**

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