

# The Diablo Die Break



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**The SOCIETY meets the Third Thursday monthly at the Concord Police Community Meeting Room located at 1350 Galindo Street in Concord.**

The next gathering will be the 693rd meeting of the Society, Thursday, April 21, 2016. The doors will open at 6 P.M. to accommodate our scout/youth meeting. Our general meeting will begin promptly at 7 P.M. Please plan to attend.

**There will be no March general meeting because of the Annual March Banquet 3/17<sup>th</sup>. Dues for 2016 deadline is 3/31/16!**

## **February Review:**

**The Program: The Kennedy Half Dollar – Charles Ludvik**  
Charles provided the history of the coin from 1964 to date, including the different metal compositions. Starting in 2002, they were only made available to collectors. A complete set of the 174 coins will cost about \$1000.

## **Monthly Winners:**

On Time – The Richard M. Nixon Dollar was won by Jaime Haletky.  
Show & Tell – There were 9 presenters for Scouting items. Larry Casagrande won the 2011 First Lady Bronze Medallions for telling his Sea Scouts Boat Breakup story.  
50/50 – \$98 was the total pot. Gene Berry won \$49.  
Drawing Winners: 17 winners – the 2009 \$100 Star Note Bill was won by Beth Stockholm.  
Membership Drawing – Louis Nadolski was not present to win the 2001 Silver Eagle ungraded. Tom Borsig won the proof Kennedy Half Dollar consolation prize.

**Trivia Question:** Rob Schussman won a Silver Eagle for correctly naming the 6 types of "1883 Five Cent Pieces".

## **March Gathering: 2016 DNS AWARDS BANQUET**



**Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Denny's Restaurant  
1313 Willow Pass Rd.  
Concord, CA 94520**

**Informal Social Time begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30**

Cost is \$ 15.00 per person. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 10!!** DNS will subsidize balance of the meal cost.

Dinner includes salad, main dish, two side dishes, scoop of ice cream, and complimentary coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Upon request there will be one glass of wine per person.

Entrée choices are as follows (please specify):

Sirloin Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Country-Fried Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Alaska Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Meatless Spaghetti \_\_\_\_\_

Sides include (choice of two):

Broccoli  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check to: Diablo Numismatic Society  
P.O. Box 177  
Concord, CA 94522



## MARCH 2016 DRAWING PRIZES



NR	ITEM	YEAR	GRADE	COST	REMARKS
1	\$ 5 Gold Eagle	2014	Gem BU	\$ 130	1/10 oz. gold
2	Kamehameha	N/A	BU	55	Treasure Chest
3	Morgan Dollar	1880-S	MS-63	55	PCGS
4	Morgan Dollar	1883-O	MS-63	55	NGC
5	Peace Dollar	1922-S	MS-62	50	Raw
6	Large Cent	1852	?	40	Raw, Beautiful
7	Lincoln Cent	1909-VDB	MS-63	24	Raw
8	2 Cent Piece	1864	VF	20	Raw, Nice for Grade
9	2 Cent Piece	1865	F	20	Raw
10-12	Silver Eagles	2011	BU@ \$ 18	54	
13-17	Aust. Kangaroo	2016	BU@ \$ 18	90	Security Feature
18-20	Silver Eagles	2016	BU@ \$ 18	54	Certificate/Authenticity
21-23	Buffalo Rounds	N/A	BU@ \$ 16	48	1 oz. Silver
24	Indian Head Cent	1907	XF-40	<u>5</u>	

**TOTAL COST \$ 700**

**(18) COINS CERTIFIED**

**(6) COINS RAW**

Note: In addition, there will be 22 Door Prizes

### March 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> "Women's History Month"

The U.S. Mint honors these momentous women who challenged traditional boundaries and pioneered professional and social change through their fearless work.



**WASP**



**Mother Teresa**



**Rosa Parks**



**Daw Aung San Suu Kyi**



LIBERTY HEAD GOLD (1849-1854)



3 CENT SILVER PIECE 1852

### **This Month in American Coin/Currency History:**

03/03/1791 – Congress authorizes a Mint in a resolution.

03/03/1793 – The first circulating coins--11,178 copper coins are delivered.

03/30/1795 – First coinage, half dimes

03/23/1836 – Philadelphia Mint struck first coins on steam-driven presses at 10:35 AM

03/28/1838 – First branch mint coinage (Charlotte, half eagles)

03/03/1849 – Gold Dollars and Double Eagles approved

03/03/1851 – 3-cent coinage approved

03/03/1863 – Fractional currency notes

03/03/1863 – The Denver Branch Mint opens.

03/03/1875 – 20-cent issue approved

03/11/1878 – Philadelphia Mint struck first Morgan Silver Dollars

03/16/1933 – U.S. prohibits gold coins

03/24/1964 – Kennedy half-dollars distributed

03/23/1975 – Old San Francisco Mint saved as historical landmark

03/31/1988 – The West Point Bullion Depository becomes an official United States branch Mint.

03/13/2000 – Maryland State quarter released.

03/12/2001 – North Carolina State quarter released.

03/11/2002 – Ohio State quarter released.

03/17/2003 – Alabama State quarter released.

03/29/2004 – Florida State quarter released.

03/05/2009 – Anna Harrison coin and medal released through the First Spouse Coin and Medal Program.

03/26/2009 – Mint issues the FIRST coin with READABLE BRAILLE at the National Federation of the Blind headquarters in Baltimore.

03/30/2009 – Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Quarter is released.

03/18/2010 – Abigail Fillmore coin and medal released through the First Spouse Coin and Medal Program.

03/23/2010 – Boy Scouts of American Centennial Silver Dollar released. (Mint Press Release, March 16, 2010)

## Youth Section



A perfect introduction to coin collecting is the Coin Discovery Set. It includes magnifying glass, gloves and tubes for collecting quarters. Learn how coins are made and different finishes.

### Kids' interactive timeline:

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

United States Mint Education pages: <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/games/>

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/teacher/network>

### Upcoming Shows:

Apr. 22-24 Santa Clara	<b>Santa Clara Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show</b> , Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon. Scott Griffin, P.O. box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585. Tel: 415-601-8661, email: <a href="mailto:scottgriff@hotmail.com">scottgriff@hotmail.com</a>
May 1st	<b>Vallejo Numismatic Society 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Show</b> , Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia & Florida), Vallejo, Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr. P O Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590-0428. Tel: 707-642-8754, email: <a href="mailto:paper4coin@yahoo.com">paper4coin@yahoo.com</a>
Jun 24&25	<b>East Bay Concord Coin Show</b> , The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave. Concord, CA 94520. Admission \$3, \$1off with coupon. Bill Green, Tel: (925) 351-7605, email: <a href="mailto:info@norcalcoinshows.com">info@norcalcoinshows.com</a>

**If you have an interesting story or article that you want to share with the membership, please submit a word document to [misterbbl@yahoo.com](mailto:misterbbl@yahoo.com). Your submission can also appear on our website under "Did you know?"**

### From the Board of Directors:

**Our Board of Directors is requesting the general membership assist in more of the club duties. At our monthly meetings, we need help with attendance count, On Time, and Show & Tell ticket distributions. We need members with computer skills, website contacts, mailings and other items as needed. If you have suggestions for improvements or wish to volunteer, please contact an officer or a Board member. Thank you for your consideration.**