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On the front cover:

Scott Griffin provides insight on how to liquidate your coin collection.

Our website: DIABLOCOINCLUB.ORG

The President's Message

March 2026

Greetings to All...

March marks our club's 66th anniversary. We couldn't have achieved this milestone without all of you. We've all made this club strong and enduring. I look forward to working with all of you in securing our club's continued success.

Maria Stillwagon

2026 President

Proposed Amendment to the Club Bylaws

A bylaw change was proposed, explained, and given its first reading during the February regular meeting. The amendment is intended to simplify elections when there is only one person running per office. This amendment will be read again in the March and April club meetings. The amendment will be voted on in May.

Current text of Article VIII Section 2:

These officers shall be elected by a secret and written ballot at the last meeting of each year and shall be installed in office at the first meeting of the following year.

Proposed Amendment IV:

Section 1: This amendment shall govern in lieu of Article VIII Section 2.

Section 2: Officers shall be elected by a secret and written ballot at the last meeting of each year. For all offices for which the nominated candidates are numerically equivalent to the number of positions, in lieu of a secret written ballot, any member may motion to deem all such candidates elected. If the motion is seconded and successfully adopted by simple majority voice vote, then all such candidates shall be deemed to be elected. Should the motion fail, then then a secret written ballot shall be undertaken.

Section 3: All elected officers shall be installed in office at the first meeting of the following year.

Announcements!

Monthly Meeting

The next club meeting will be held

March 19, 2026 at 7PM

Clayton Community Library

6125 Clayton Rd

Clayton, CA 94517

Program: Larry C.—DNS Website Overview

Membership Dues

Yearly dues for a Regular Membership are \$15.00,

Junior Memberships (under 18) are \$10.00.

For new membership, please join at the next club meeting or download and send in a [membership application](#).

Please refer ALL membership-related inquiries to our Treasurer as that position handles all questions regarding dues, event payments and membership-status questions.

Announcements!

Die Break Changes

Moving forward, the Die Break will now

- Be published on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- Be published as a link to the club's website. While this link will be emailed to members, the Die Break will also be available directly from the club's website.
- Snail mail publication will cease at the end of 2026. No new requests for hardcopies will be accepted.
- Occasionally contain a feature article. Any member who would like to write an article related to numismatics or specifically to our club is invited to do so. Contact Matt F. for details.

Clarification on Dues Payments

Dues that are paid late in the year for the purpose of attending the Christmas dinner do not count as payment for the subsequent year. There is a singular expectation to this policy when a new member joins at our yearly coin show. In that case, the new member is considered paid in full for the subsequent year.

February Meeting Highlights

The club held the 811th regular monthly meeting on February 19, 2026 at 7PM. Meeting highlights:

- This month's program was presented by Scott Griffin of <https://griffincoin.com/>. Scott presentation detailed the three main ways to liquidate a coin collection. Scott's recommendations are summarized in the handout he provided:

How to liquidate your coin collection

1. Auction sale (Time/effort/revenue factor: 7)
 - a. Pick an established organization (they will get many eyeballs on your items!)
 - b. They do the work
 - c. Make sure to price to sell (or not)
 - d. Understand the fee structure
2. D.I.Y. (Time/effort/revenue factor: 7)
 - a. eBay (you do the work and still pay a fee)
 - b. whatnot.com
 - c. Set up at coin show (time)
3. Sell to a dealer (Time/effort/revenue factor: 8)
 - a. Quick and easy
 - b. Do some research before
 - c. Be ready to negotiate
 - d. Get 2-3 bids

Ultimately, it depends on *what kind of coins you have and what you enjoy doing most/what are good at.*

February Meeting Highlights

- A total of 49 people, including five guests, were present at the meeting. Three new members joined.
- A bronze DNC coin was awarded to Kyle A. in the on-time drawing.
- Nine club members participated in the meeting's Show & Tell segment.
- Twelve items were awarded in the club drawing.
- A 1963 Franklin Half was awarded to William S. in the member drawing.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Board Meeting Highlights

The club board met at Round Table Pizza in Pleasant Hill on February 7, 2026 at 12PM. Highlights from the meeting:

- The club currently has 72 members. As of February 7th, 31 members have paid dues for 2026, and 33 members have not paid. There are also 8 Fellows of the club that are not required to pay dues.
- The club intends to obtain a small storage unit to store equipment and documents.
- Maria S. and Larry C. will conduct a search for replacement audio equipment.
- The annual BBQ will be held on either July 11 or July 18th, depending on the chosen venue. Primo F. will serve as the focal point for this event.
- The annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 13th at either Zio Fredo's or La Veranda. Primo F. will also serve as the focal point for this event.
- Matt F. discussed plans for Die Break content and publishing. The target publishing date will be the 2nd Thursday of the month. Snail mail Die Break publishing will be discontinued at the end of 2026. All future publications will be distributed electronically.
- A proposal was made to amend club bylaws to simplify elections that have only one person running per office.
- A proposal was made to suspend the Club Coin Show Drawing due to the volatility of the gold and silver market.
- A proposal was made to eliminate the club table at the annual Club Coin Show. It has been difficult to man the table and there has been little perceived benefit to club membership. Discontinuing the club table would make additional space available for sale to dealers.
- The next board meeting will be held at Round Table Pizza, 1938 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill, CA on March 28, 2026 at 12 PM. All club members are welcome to attend.

2026 Program Schedule

JANUARY 15

NO TOPIC

FEBRUARY 19

SCOTT GRIFFIN - DISPOSING OF INHERITED COINS

MARCH 19

LARRY CASAGRANDE - DNS WEBSITE OVERVIEW

APRIL 16

WARREN DENNY - EARLY US COPPER CENTS

MAY 21

JAMES LIND - BUILDING A US TYPE SET

JUNE 18

GLEN LINDWALL - ANCIENT COINS

JULY (DATE TBD)

ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ - LOCATION: FARM BUREAU BUILDING

(NO MEETING)

AUGUST 20

GENE BARRY - GOLD PANNING

SEPTEMBER 17

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

OCTOBER 15

WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW

NOVEMBER 19

TOPIC TBD - VALLEJO MUSEUM CURATOR PAUL

DECEMBER 13

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - LOCATION: TBD

(NO MEETING)

Upcoming Shows and Events

Sacramento Coin Show	Mar. 13-14, 2026
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3410 Westover Street

Sacramento, CA 95652

South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show (Bill Green)	Mar 20-21, 2026
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1085 East El Camino Real

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Marin Coin and Collectibles Show	Apr 12, 2026
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215 Alameda del Prado

Novato, CA 94949

Cupertino Coin Club Annual Coin Show	Apr 26, 2026
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10110 N. DeAnza Blvd.

Cupertino, CA 95014

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show	Apr 30-May 2, 2026
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4900 Duckhorn Drive

Sacramento, CA 95834

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