

# The Diablo Die Break



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The SOCIETY meets the Third Thursday Monthly at the Veterans Memorial Bldg., 2290 Willow Pass Road. Doors open at 6 PM. Meeting starts 7 PM SHARP.

The next gathering will be Thursday, April 17th, at the hall. Please plan to attend.

## April's Meeting

The April Meeting will have a presentation by Nora and Aldon Holloway on "Antique Jewelry and Watches". Come and enjoy the presentation.

### Monthly Drawing:

2007 – 1/10 oz. Gold Eagle  
1835 – Bust Dime – F  
1856 – 3 Cent Silver – F  
1897 - Morgan Dollar – BU  
1893 – Indian Cent – BU  
1924-S – Standing Liberty Quarter – F  
1853 - W/Arrows – Quarter – VF  
1826 - Large Cent – F  
1886 – Morgan Dollar – BU  
1863 – Indian Cent – EF  
1908-D – Barber Dime – EF  
2007 Silver Eagle  
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### Annual Banquet Review:

## DONNELL AWARDED FELLOW OF SOCIETY

The March Awards Banquet to commemorate the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society, bestowed the "FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY" on Gordon Donnell, of Piedmont, Ca.

His dedication and service to the Club for the past 15 years and making all Club functions with the use of public transportation is amazing. The presentation featured all seven recipients of the award together for the first time.

The evening also featured special presentations from President Laird to Mike Stanley, Brad Lee, John Russell and Steve McClure, who was not in attendance but will be presented at the April meeting.

Mike Stanley presented an appreciation for services rendered to Bill Green, who has taken hold of the reins and steered the Society to two successful coin shows, with a third one in the making.

Finally, Mark Clarkson was named "Treasurer Emeritus" for ten years of service as Treasurer using long division and an abacus to keep the Treasury in balance.

The evening wrapped up with a 20 lot drawing and the winners were as follows: Mrs. Pat Hogoboom x3 including the 1/10 oz. Gold piece, Glen Stephenson x2, Gordon Donnell x2, Dean Mason x2, Bill Hickman, Ron Kenela, Pat Hogoboom, John Russell, Mark Clarkson, Brad Lee, Don Barsi, Dave Brown, Mike Stanley, James Laird and Bill Kaiser.

## **Announcements:**

### **Annual Picnic:**

The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM. The event will be held at the Ygnacio Valley Park, 900 Oak Grove Road, Concord. The event will be fully catered by Texas Back 40 Barbeque. Sign up will begin at this meeting. This is our main event for the summer! Cost will be \$10.00 per person.

### **Club Medal:**

The Club is thinking about minting a Medal for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which will be in two years. A design contest will be held to design the reverse of this silver medal. Details will be forthcoming.

## Upcoming Shows:

April 25 & 26 Sacramento	<b>Sacramento Coin Show</b> , Red Lion Inn (Next to Sears), 1401 Arden Way, Peter McIntosh, (916) 317 - 9055 <a href="mailto:mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com">mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com</a>
May 2 & 3 Sacramento	<b>Spring Coin Show</b> , Sacramento Valley Coin Club, Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., David Herr <a href="mailto:davenate@wavecable.com">davenate@wavecable.com</a> Free Parking!
May 4 Vallejo	<b>36Th Annual Vallejo Coin Show</b> , Vallejo Numismatic Society, Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, Information: (707) 642 - 0216 or (707) 547 - 0518 <a href="mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com">EMPERORI@juno.com</a> Free admission & parking!
Jun 22 Alameda	<b>Annual Coin &amp; Collectibles Show</b> , Alameda Coin Club, High school gym, 2220 Central Ave., Ton Gesner (510) 923 - 4216

## This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

- 04/02/1792 – Coinage Act establishes U.S. Legal Tender system
- 04/03/1972 - President Nixon signs law raising U.S. Gold rate from \$35 to \$38 per ounce.
- 04/13/1976 – Bicentennial \$2 note series released
- 04/15/1796 – First coinage, Quarter Dollars
- 04/17/1838 – First Dahlonega, Ga. Mint coinage – Half Eagles
- 04/21/1862 – Denver Mint Established
- 04/22/1864 – Cent alloy changed. 2-Cent first coin authorized with “In God We Trust”
- 04/23/1918 – Passage of Pittman Act makes silver available for dollar coins