

# 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 the 601<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Society, Thursday, May 15th, at the hall. Please plan to attend.

## May's Meeting

The May Meeting will be on Counterfeit and Copy Coins. Members are encouraged to bring any copy or fake coins and show them at the meeting. Tell us about the history of the coins, if you know, and how you acquired them.

### Monthly Drawing:

1/10 oz. Gold Eagle - BU

1902-O – Barber Quarter – VF

1921-S – Morgan Dollar – MS-63

1876-CC – Seated Dime – XF

1942-S – Liberty Walker Half – BU

1918-S – Standing Liberty Quarter – VF

1889 – Morgan Dollar – NGC BU

1924 - Lincoln Cent – BU

1912-D – Barber Dime – XF

1917-S Reverse – Liberty Walker Half– F

1954-D – Franklin Half – BU-63

2 - 2007 Silver Eagles – BU

## In Memoriam:

We regret to inform you of the passing of Society member L.D. Cunningham on April 21, 2008, tragically in a plane crash. We also wish to inform you of the passing of Elaine Frantz (wife of Wayne) on April 29, 2008, after a battle with cancer. Our condolences and thoughts go to both families.

### April Meeting Review:

Guest Speakers Nora and Aldon Holloway from Sunnyvale spoke on their business of antique watches, jewelry and gold coins. They discussed how they had created their business into a semi retirement job, building relationships with many patrons and estate referrals. They also brought some of their equipment and provided testing for jewelry brought in by club members confirming proper karat weight. A \$25.00 donation was sent to the charity of their choice.

**Winners, were as follows:**

**On Time:** Riley Jones

**50/50:** Mark Clarkson, \$41.00

**Raffle Drawing:** Bruce Berman x2, Syrus Flyte, Chuck Nikkel, Michael Jordan, Dave Dubin, Wayne Franz, Mike Stanley, Glenn Stephenson, Lisa Nikkel and Pat Hogboom. Paul Romesburg won the 1/10 oz. Gold.

**Membership Drawing:** 2 Silver Eagles – Caroline Hillhouse (Not Present)  
Consolation – 1 Silver Eagle – Lucille McClure

**Show and Tell Presenters:**

Mike Stanley – Gold rings and necklace

Jon Marish – BU American Bald Eagle Commemorative

Mark Clarkson – Difference between design changes on new bills

Jim Doyle – Wartime Nickel Set

Bruce Berman – Cashe coins from Japan

Charlie Ludvik – Clad and Proof Bald Eagle Dollars

Bill Green – Old Liberty Nickel Coin Board

John Russell – Presidential Dollars

Dave Dubin – 1795 Half Dollar “Scrawny Eagle”

Beth Stockholm – Mini grading contest, winner Bruce Berman

Chuck Nikkel – 1755 Spanish Doubloon

Aldon Holloway – Coin book on coin dealers

**Announcements:**

**Our June Meeting will be our annual Hot Dog Night. Hot dogs will be served beginning at 6:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Chips, sodas and condiments will be provided.**

**There will be no regular meeting in July.**

## **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. You must sign up to attend. This is our main event for the summer! Cost will be \$10.00 per person.

Sign up at the monthly meeting or send you check to:  
Diablo Numismatic Society  
P.O. Box 177  
Concord, Ca. 94522-0177

## **Volunteers Needed:**

### **Annual Picnic:**

-Committee Chairperson: duties include contacting the caterer, ordering the food, organizing supplies, and set up the day of the picnic. Will have assistance from three club volunteers. Time requirement: approximately 4 hours over two months.

- Set up volunteers (3): duties include assisting the committee chairperson with the procurement of picnic items and set up the day of the picnic. Time requirement: approximately 2 hours over one month.

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### **COIN SHOW - DONATION DRAWING TICKETS:**

- Sales Coordinator: duties include issuing tickets, maintaining a log of outgoing / incoming tickets, collecting revenue and "Cheerleading" this project with our club members. Time requirement: approximately 5 hours over five months.

Experienced members of the club's board of directors will provide our volunteers with all the necessary information and support.

Volunteers must be in place on or before the close of our May meeting. Contact Bill Green at (925) 351-7605.

## Upcoming Shows:

Jun 22 Alameda	<b>Annual Coin &amp; Collectibles Show</b> , Alameda Coin Club, High school gym, 2220 Central Ave., Ton Gesner (510) 923 - 4216
Jul 12 & 13 Modesto	<b>Modesto Coin, Stamp &amp; Collectibles Show</b> , Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, (10th and K Streets), Sandy Woodward (209) 668 - 3682

## This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

- 05/08/1838 – First New Orleans coinage (dimes)
- 05/10/1775 – First issue Continental paper money, payable in Spanish milled dollars.
- 05/16/1866 – Shield nickel authorized
- 05/16/1984 – First “Coin of the Year” award honored U.S. Washington half-dollar (1982 Commemorative)
- 05/18/1875 – Philadelphia Mint strikes first 20-cent coins
- 05/20/1911 – First coinage of cents at Denver
- 05/20/1935 – Issuance of National Currency Bank Notes discontinued
- 05/27/1652 – Massachusetts passes silver coinage act