

Michael Whalen brought a nice Panama Pacific International Exposition brochure dated November 21, 1915, with numerous illustrations of the various buildings and other attractions of this well known fair.

Federico Castillo read from a recent Stack's publication that mentioned Farran Zerbe, founder of the PCNS, apparently criticizing him for his actions during and after the fair as Zerbe was a well-known character in numismatic circles. Federico also brought a Costa Rican pattern 10 centavos, slabbed by one of the major services.

Michael Wehner exhibited a large bronze medal celebrating Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco, who had a high school in the City named after him

2005 Publications

Please note that the 2005 PCNS publication will be distributed to those in attendance of the April meeting. All other members will receive a copy in the mail. This issue contains papers from the 2002 and 2004 contest

Papers Contest

Reminder: Papers for the 2005 contest are due at the April meeting.

Speakers still needed!

Tell us what you know! Volunteers contact Rick Webster.

Venue note

Most of the time we meet in Room 370, if we are not there we are in Room 372. Check for the note that Fort Mason puts next to the door.



1068th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

8:00PM Wednesday, April 27, 2005

**Fort Mason, Building C, Room 370
San Francisco, California**

Coin dealers and their tokens.

Herb Miles

Please join us Wednesday, April 27, 2005 to hear *Herb Miles* tell us about Coin Dealers and Their Tokens.

1067th Meeting March 23, 2005. Coinage of British Java *Rick Webster* (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Vice President *Rick Webster* presented a wonderful program on British Java, a part of the Commonwealth during Britain's years of Empire. British Java was founded during the great colonization of the world by English, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, and other explorers during the late 1500s and settled during the 1600s.

The United East India Company was granted a royal charter by the King of England and began to exploit the spices of the Far East to make huge sums of money. The Dutch also exploited the Far East, settling on the Indonesian island of Java with their own royal charter for the Dutch East India Company. Many conflicts and wars occurred between the English, the Dutch, and the French until 1811 when Britain invaded Java and established its own colony.

The coinage consisting of approximately 37 pieces, give or take a few, began soon thereafter, modeled on the Dutch pieces still in circulation. The Dutch pieces are very crude since they were struck on the island; the notation JAVA and date on one side, and VOC on the reverse. Later pieces have a crowned shield on one side with the VOC and date on the other. The British pieces are similar beginning in 1811, but have a quartered heart on one side and JAVA and the date on the other. Denominations are "doits," "half-stivers," and "stivers and material is copper and tin. Rick noted that those pictured in the catalogs are very nice and usually the coins do not come that nice, but are badly worn from use and abuse.

The literature on these issues is sparse, one publication or article by Pradeau, and the pictures and other information listed in the Krause catalogs. The catalogs reflect only one page of coins for this area of the world!

Raffle (*Elliot Wehner*, raffle coordinator)

Jerry Schimmel won the book, "The Ship of Gold."

Federico Castillo took home a wonderful extra thick French Medal (or die trial) celebrating the 1924 Olympics.

Gordon Donnell, who never wins, won an encased cent from St. Louis, MO.

Michael Whalen took home an encased \$0.25 piece.

June Banquet

Save the date! The annual PCNS banquet will be held Saturday, June 25, 2005 at the Delancey Street Restaurant, 600 Embarcadero (at Brannan Street) in San Francisco. A no-host bar will start at 6:30PM followed by dinner at 7:00PM. The cost will be \$31.00 and there is a strict limit of 24 attendees due to the size of the banquet room. Appetizers will consist of corn chips and salsa, along with baskets of onion rings. A Salad of organic greens served with balsamic vinegar will be served. Entrees will be your choice of rotisserie Rosemary garlic chicken, or blackened meatloaf served with garlic mashed potatoes, and glazed carrots, or vegetarian pasta primavera, an angel hair pasta in a light red sauce with fresh tomatoes, garlic and basil. Dessert will be vanilla bean ice cream served with homemade chocolate dipped biscotti. Two non-alcoholic drinks will accompany the meal. Other drinks are available at your cost.

Exhibits

Jerry Schimmel brought a host of Pogs, milk cap cardboard tops from the 30s and 40s, some include the art of a local artist who drew cartoon animals for one of the dairies during World War II

Mark Wm Clark brought a Cuban 5 Peso convertible, bimetallic piece, scarce as they were restricted to one per individual when released in 1999.

Gordon Donnell exhibited some recent accumulations; a California Pacific Exposition ashtray from 1935, a Rosslyn Hotel Watch Fob he acquired in the auction at the recent token show in Dublin, the Rosslyn having special meaning for him as a residence during his Marine years and even later when he worked in Los Angeles after his service time, and a large wooden 25 cent piece given to him by Michael Wehner for his efforts at the token show auction.