

# Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - July 2025 - PO Box 5691 Hilo, HI 96721 ANA #1053794

## Upcoming Meeting:

All are invited to attend the next meeting of our Big Island Coin Club, which will be held on July 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Kama'na Center.

This month we will have our first annual Summer Blast Potluck and membership drive. Feel free to invite interested friends. Families are welcome as well. We will have door prizes valued at over \$300. Everybody will win!

**There will be a short Board Meeting this month at 6 pm. Please join if you are interested in getting involved**

## Club Announcements:

- Do you know someone trying to get rid of a coin collection? Use our club! Our board recently approved utilizing our club to help community members get a fair price for their collections. Please see Mike for more details
- 60th Anniversary Club coins are now available for purchase! They are going fast, so get 'em now. We are going to auction the first 15 numbers off in monthly auctions. If you want a specific number, just let me know. I have a list of the numbered coins that we have left
- Please note that the mailing address for the Club has changed
- That being said, the club would benefit from some additional support. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please let us know
- Items for Discussions- If you want to put items up for discussion, please bring them to the meeting with slips. Mike has slips printed out. If you forget or cannot make it to the meeting, you can contact Mike at 724-417-3924 to arrange a pickup/dropoff between meetings
- Upcoming Shows
  - New Hope (gym) Waimea, Youth Fundraiser, Antique, Collectables, Flea Market, First Saturdays of the Month, 8- 3 p.m.
  - Waiakea Villas Collectible Show is no longer occurring.

## The Shipwreck Effect: When Saltwater Tells a Story

In the world of coin collecting, there's a phenomenon known as the **"Shipwreck Effect"**—a term used to describe the unique look and market appeal of coins recovered from sunken ships. These coins may be tarnished, encrusted, or chemically altered by decades (or even centuries) underwater, but far from ruining their value, these effects often **enhance their collectibility**.

### Coins That Went Down with the Ship

Imagine a chest of gold and silver coins resting on the ocean floor for over 150 years. That's exactly what happened with famous wrecks like the **SS Central America (1857)** and the **SS**

**Republic (1865)**—both 19th-century steamships lost in violent storms off the American coast. These wrecks, rediscovered in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, yielded **thousands of coins**, many in remarkable condition thanks to the ocean's cold, anaerobic environment.

Others didn't fare quite as well. Prolonged exposure to **saltwater, pressure, and marine life** can cause surface corrosion, pitting, or unique toning patterns—what collectors call “shipwreck effect surfaces.” These coins may not grade as highly in traditional terms, but their provenance adds **historic and emotional value** that often outweighs their technical flaws.

### Certified History

Major grading services like **NGC and PCGS** offer special designations for shipwreck-recovered coins, identifying their origin and providing context for their condition. A corroded coin that once lay at the bottom of the Atlantic becomes, in the eyes of collectors, a **relic of maritime history**, not just pocket change with a rough surface.

Shipwreck coins blend numismatics with archaeology. They're not just artifacts—they're survivors. Whether it's a gold double eagle from the SS Central America or a Spanish colonial silver coin from a 1715 treasure fleet, these coins carry **more than monetary value—they carry stories**. They were touched by sailors, lost in tragedy, and found generations later, often sparking fresh interest in the very history they represent.

Date 7/3/2025				
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Minimum
1	1939	Mint Set (5 Coins with Case)		\$62.00
2	2006 S	San Francisco Mint Centennial Comm. Dollar	Proof	\$32.00
3	1976 D	Jefferson Nickel	NGC MS 66	\$30.00
4	1964 D	Kennedy Half Dollar	PCGS MS 62	\$14.00
5		2 PCGS Hard Cases		\$12.00
6	1945	Walking Liberty Half Dollar	"MS 60+"	\$25.00
7	1902 S	Barber Half Dollar		\$30.00
8	1929	Mercury Dime		\$15.00
9	1916	Buffalo Nickel		\$50.00
10	2014	Britannia, Canada, 1oz Silver		\$32.00
11		Roll of Roosevelt Silver Dimes		\$115.00
12		Roll of 40% Silver Kennedy Half Dollars		\$57.00
13		"Ike Trio" 72S, 73S, 74S- ICG Slabs		\$149.00
14		Indian Head Cents (28) 1881-1908		\$85.00
15		"Kimo Sabe" Spec. - 1oz Silver Bullet, Ancient Arrowhead, Indian Cent		\$40.00

16	1879 S	Morgan Dollar		\$33.00
17		4 Silver Washington Quarters		\$24.00
18	1950	Canada Silver Dollar		\$22.00
19	1983	Canada Silver Dollar (Edmonton University)		\$14.00
20	1965	Austria, 25 Silver Schilling		\$14.00
21	2013	Canada, 1oz Silver Maple Leaf		\$33.00
22		1926 and 1928 S Buffalo Nickels		\$12.00
23	1957 A	Silver Certificate (Star Note)		\$9.00
24	1928 S	Buffalo Nickel	VF	\$9.00
25		3 Buffalo Nickels (1936, 1937 S, 1938 D)		\$8.00
26	2025	American Silver Eagle, 1oz Silver		\$35.00
27	2024	Britannia, 1oz Silver		\$35.00
28	2022	Samoa, Mermaid, 1oz Silver		\$35.00
29	1981	World Wide Mint, 1oz Silver		\$35.00
30		Prospector, 1oz Silver		\$35.00
31	1915	Lincoln Cent	"XF"	\$10.00
32	1910 D	Barber Dime	"F"	\$7.00
33	1931 D	Mercury Dime	"VG"	\$6.00
34	1905 S	Barber Half Dollar	"G"	\$15.00
35	1884 S	Morgan Dollar - Cleaned	AU Details	\$110.00
36	282-3	Numerian AE Antoninianus Numerian & Jupiter		\$5.00
37	272-4	Aurelian AE Antoninianus Aurelian & Concordia		\$5.00
38	334-5	Constantinople Commemorative AE3 RIC 241		\$5.00
39	337-40	Constantine IIAE3 Two soldiers & standards Siscia		\$5.00
40	1978-F	Germany Five Mark Silver Balthasar Neumann		\$7.00
41	1883	Kingdom of Hawaii "Umi Kenata" Dime	ICG VF 30	\$127.50
42	1932 D	Washington Quarter KEY DATE	NGC VF 30	\$190.00
43	1962	Franklin Half Dollar "Blazing White Gem"	NGC PF 66	\$25.00
44	1963 D	Franklin Half Dollar - Full Bell Lines	PCGS MS 64	\$25.00
45		Americana Series "Yesteryear"		\$25.00
46	1976	Austria, 100 Silver Schilling, 200th year Burg Theater Ann.		\$16.00
47		Worcester Salt Good Luck Token	Gem BU	\$20.00

48	1867	Three Cent Nickel		\$15.00
49	1921 S	Morgan Dollar - Mild Toning		\$35.00
50	1972 D	Germany Olympic Games 10 Mark	UNC	\$12.50
51	2020 S	Comm. Basketball HOF Half Dollar		\$30.00
52		Kansas Centennial Coins (2), 1 Sterling		\$5.00
53		2 Copper 1 oz Coins Replicas		\$8.00
54	2003	US Mint Comm. Silver Medal, Bald Eagle	Proof	\$30.00
55	2007 S	Silver Proof Set (14 coins)		\$30.00
56	1861	Liberty Seated Half Dime		\$70.00
57	1870	Shield Nickel		\$35.00
58	177-192	Sesterius of Lucius, Aurelius Commodus		\$10.00
59		Assorted Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
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61		Assorted Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
62		Assorted Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
63		Assorted Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
64		60th Anniversary Club Coin #7 of 100		\$10.00