

Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - June 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 June 5th, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Kama'na Center. Come early to check out the interesting coins, currency, and medals for discussion.

There will be NO Board Meeting this month. Presentation: Ollie will be presenting on Nevada State Prison Gaming Tokens

Club Announcements:

- We will be having a summer potluck at our July Meeting on 7/3. We will have a raffle similar to our holiday party. Please tell all your friends. This will be a great time to expand our club membership!
- 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.

From Big to Gone: The Rise and Fall of the U.S. Cent

In the earliest days of American coinage, the **one-cent piece was anything but small**. First struck in **1793**, the **large cent** was a hefty copper coin about the size of today's half dollar. It was the workhorse of daily commerce in the young republic—but by the 1850s, the large cent had worn out its welcome.

As copper prices climbed and the public grew tired of hauling around clunky pocket change, the U.S. Mint sought a modern replacement. In **1856**, they introduced a new prototype: the **Flying Eagle cent**, made of a lighter **copper-nickel alloy** and sized to fit more comfortably into cash drawers—and people's patience.

By **1857**, Congress officially ended production of the large cent and half cent, ushering in the age of the **small cent**. The Flying Eagle lasted only two years (technical minting issues clipped its wings), but it was quickly replaced by the **Indian Head cent**, and later the **Lincoln cent** in 1909—a design that would outlive nearly all others.

But even the small cent wasn't small enough to dodge modern economics. In **2025**, after years of debate and rising production costs, the U.S. Treasury announced it would **officially cease penny production in 2026**. It currently costs nearly four cents to mint a single one-cent coin, and most Americans either ignore pennies or dump them in jars.

So, after more than **230 years of copper-clad service**, the U.S. cent—once enormous, now economically impractical—is heading into history. From **giant coppers to forgotten couch clutter**, the penny's journey reminds us that even small change has big stories.

And if you've still got a few in your pocket, don't worry—they're still legal tender. Just don't expect anyone to give you four of them for a nickel.

Date 6/5/2025				
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Minimum
1	1859	Indian Head Cent	VF+	\$42.00
2	1913	Buffalo Nickel Type 1 - First Year of Issue	AU	\$24.00
3	1964	Kennedy Half Dollar	NGC MS 65	\$20.00
4	1881 S	Morgan Dollar w/ Original Bag Fragment	NGC BU	\$76.00
5	2015	American Silver Eagle	UNC	\$35.00
6		Uncirculated Roll of 1960 D Small Date		\$3.00
7		Roll of 1920s Buffalo Nickels		\$5.00
8		4 Assorted Medlas		\$10.00
9		4 Walking Liberty Half Dollars		\$45.00
10	1921 D	Walking Liberty Half Dollar (THE Key Date)	"VG 8"	\$300.00
11		Seated Liberty Combo (1873 Half and 1874 S Quarter)		\$125.00
12	1971 S	4 "Ike" Silver Dollars	BU	\$55.00
13	1932 D	Washington Quarter (Key Date)	AG	\$48.00
14	1935A	"Hawaii Dollar" (w/ Free Gold Back)		\$33.00
15	2023	Mexico Libertad 1 oz (Damaged)		\$30.00
16	1920 D	Mercury Dime		\$5.00
17		5 Washington Quarters (36, 42, 58 D, 60 D, 62)		\$30.00
18	1902 O	Barber Half Dollar		\$18.00

19	1921	Morgan Dollar		\$30.00
20		Ancient Chinese Coins (2) Northern and Southern Song		\$6.00
21	1976	US Bicentennial Silver UNC Set	UNC	\$14.00
22	1971	Silver "Ike", Brown Box	Proof	\$12.00
23		4 Proof Sets (78, 79, 80, and 81)	Proof	\$22.00
24		Buffalo Nickels (1920, 1924, 1926)		\$7.00
25	1935	2 Silver Certificates		\$7.00
26	2003	American Silver Eagle (Littleton Pkg)		\$33.00
27	2024	Samoa, 1 oz Silver "Year of the Dragon"		\$33.00
28	2022	Philharmonic, 1 oz Silver Round		\$33.00
29	2022	Samoa, 1 oz Silver "Mermaid"		\$33.00
30		1 oz Silver "1909 S Lincoln Cent"		\$33.00
31		Hickham AFB. 10 cent "Pacific"		\$2.00
32	1860	Indian Head Cent "Pointed Bust"	VG	\$20.00
33	1902 S	Barber Head Dime		\$5.00
34	1893	Columbian Expo Half Dollar	EF	\$10.00
35	1883 S	Morgan Dollar - Cleaned	AU Details	\$80.00
36	330-354	Rome City Commemorative, AE3, She-Wolf, Cyzicus Mint		\$5.00
37	270-275	Aurelian, AE Antoninianus, Cyzicus Mint, Emperor & Concordia		\$5.00
38	1974 F	Germany, 5 Mark, Silver, 25th Anniv. of Constitutional Law		\$7.00
39	1993 J	Germany, 10 Mark, Silver, 150th Anniv. of Robert Koch		\$8.00
40	1964	New York City World's Fair Medal		\$5.00
41	1972 D	Germany Olympic Games 10 Mark	UNC	\$12.50
42	1972 D	Germany Olympic Games 10 Mark	BU	\$12.50
43		2006, 2007, 2008 Presidential Proof Sets		\$15.00
44	1982	Washington Commer. Silver Half Dollar	Proof Cameo	\$13.00
45	1921 S	Morgan Dollar - Mild Toning		\$35.00
46	1886 O	Morgan Dollar		\$35.00
47		30+ Assorted Wheat Cents +Unsearched Indian Head Cent		\$2.50
48		1930s-1940s- Tax Tokens, WWII Ration, etc		\$10.00

49	1925	Peace Silver Dollar		\$30.00
50		1974 Kona Dollar (2) and 1974 Honolulu Dollar		\$10.00
51	1962	Roosevelt Dime (NGC Sample, Gen. 1.4)		\$5.00
52	1964	Roosevelt Dime (PCGS Sample, Gen 3.0)	MS 64	\$10.00
53	1999 D	New Jersey State Quarter (ICG Sample)		\$5.00
54	2012 S	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Quarter (Silver)	NGC PF 69 UC	\$25.00
55	2023 S	Edith Kanaka'ole Quarter (First Day of Issue)	NGC MS 66	\$35.00
56	1880 S	Morgan Dollar	PCGS MS 65	\$182.50
57		"Hawaiian Money" by Medcalf and Russell (w/ Signature)		\$35.00
58		60th Anniversary Club Coin #7 of 100		\$10.00
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