

# Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - May 2026 - 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 May 7th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Kama'na Center.

**There will be a board meeting this Month at 6 pm. Please feel free to come and join. We will be planning our Summer Party**

## Club Announcements:

- We have new shirts and club coins available for purchase!
- 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
- 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.

## Gold in the News!

Recent investigations—led by reporting from *The New York Times*—have raised concerns about how the U.S. Mint sources gold used in its bullion coins. The central issue is that some gold entering the Mint's supply chain may originate from illegal mining operations in countries like Colombia, including areas controlled by organized crime groups such as the Clan del Golfo.

The reporting suggests that this gold is not purchased directly from criminal groups, but instead moves through legal channels first. Illegally mined gold is sold to licensed dealers, exported with proper paperwork, and then refined alongside other sources. Once refined and mixed with other gold, it becomes difficult to trace and may ultimately be treated as “domestic” gold when used by the Mint.

This matters because U.S. law—specifically the bullion coin programs—generally requires that gold used in coins like American Eagles be sourced from domestic mines. Investigators found

that the Mint has relied heavily on supplier assurances and accounting offsets rather than strict origin tracking, a practice that auditors have questioned as potentially inconsistent with the law.

The broader concern raised by the reporting is the lack of supply chain transparency. Illegal gold mining is often tied to environmental damage, mercury pollution, and funding for criminal organizations, some of which are classified by the U.S. government as terrorist groups. In response to the findings, Treasury officials indicated they would review sourcing and oversight practices at the Mint.

In short, the story isn't that the Mint knowingly buys gold directly from criminal groups, but that weaknesses in the global gold supply chain allow questionable material to enter legitimate markets—raising questions about traceability, compliance, and oversight in modern bullion production.

Date 5/7/2026				
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Minimum
1		4 Silver Dollars (21, 21 S, 23 S, 28 S)		\$250.00
2		Roll of Silver Roosevelt Dimes		\$225.00
3		8 Barber Quarters and 1903 Dime		\$85.00
4		1962 Mint Set and 1963 Proof Set		\$89.00
5		4 Large Cents (1818, 1838, 1846, 1854)		\$88.00
6	2004	Greece- Javelin 34 gr, Silver Olympics Coin		\$70.00
7	2000 P	First Day Strike \$1 Sacagawea "Golden Dollar"		\$15.00
8	2004	Greece- Discus 34 gr, Silver Olympics Coin		\$70.00
9	2003	UK- Queen Elizabeth 50th Ann. Coronation Comm.		\$25.00
10	2004	Greece- Marathon 34 gr, Silver Olympics Coin		\$70.00
11	1909	Lincoln Cent	EF	\$2.50
12	1866	Nickel Three Cent		\$10.00
13		(2) Silver Certificates 1957 & 1957 B Star Notes		\$3.00
14	1995	Federal Reserve Note (A-C) Web Note		\$2.00
15	1963	\$2 US Note- Red Seal		\$4.00
16	1296-1316	India, Delhi Sultans, Billon Jital, Muhammad II		\$6.00
17	3rd-2nd C. BCE	Greece, Sarder, Lydia, AE13, Apollo Standing Naked		\$6.00
18	337-361 CE	Constantius II, AE 3, Soldier Spearling Horseman, Nicomedia		\$6.00

19	1813	Netherlands East Indies, Java, Duit		\$6.00
20	1967	Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, \$1 Token		\$3.00
21		(2) Ancient Chinese Coins		\$5.00
22	1834	Capped Bust Dime	G	\$35.00
23	1876	Seated Liberty Dime	VF/EF	\$40.00
24	1946	Roosevelt Dime	NGC MS 67	\$50.00
25		2 Rolls of Bi-Centennial Half Dollars		\$20.00
26	1943	Walking Liberty Half Dollar		\$18.00
27	1997	Proof Silver Quarter Ultra Cameo	NGC PF 70	\$40.00
28	2004 S	Proof "Peace Nickel" Deep Cameo	PCGS PF 69	\$10.00
29	1982	George Washington Comm. Half Dollar	Proof	\$18.00
30	1922 D	Peace Dollar	VF	\$55.00
31		1oz Silver Round- Poseidon		Melt
32		1oz Silver Round- ENS CAUSA SUI		Melt
33	1985	1oz Silver Round- American Prospector		Melt
34	1987	1oz Silver Round- American Silver Eagle		Melt
35		1oz Silver Round- Constitutional Right to Bear Arms		Melt
36	1883	Hawai'i Kingdom 10 Cent		\$60.00
37	1980	Anthony Dollar	BU	\$4.00
38	1945	Mercury Dime	BU	\$8.00
39	1943 D	Mercury Dime	BU	\$8.00
40	1979	Central Bank of Egypt - 25 Piastres Banknote		\$3.00
41	1930	Japan 10 Yen Note		\$3.00
42		WWII Japanese Invasion Money \$10 Note		\$6.00
43		Iran Central Bank 10,000 Rials		\$15.00
44	1960	China, Taiwan 10 Yuan Banknote		\$5.00
45	1864	Copper Two Cents		\$30.00
46	1996	Comm. \$1 Atlanta Olympic Games - Tennis 90% Silver	Proof	\$69.00
47		14 Mercury Dimes		\$75.00
48		3 War Nickels		\$9.75
49		2007 S & 2006 S 90% Kennedy Half Dollars	Proof	\$55.00
50		Barber & Standing Liberty Quarters		\$37.00
51		Club Coin #5		\$10.00

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