

# THE SAND DOLLAR

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## **BTHS Coin Club Students become newest additions to The Sand Dollar Staff**



The Brick Township High School Coin Club Executive Board had joined the writing staff of The Sand Dollar Staff. Following their passion for coin collecting and learning more about numismatics, the students of the BTHS Coin Club have decided to contribute to the Ocean County Coin Club's monthly publication and serve as writers and editors. The students contributing to this month's issue of the Sand Dollar and continuing on for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year are: Jake Storch (BTHS Coin Club President), Frankie Bevacqua (Vice President), Vinny Baracia (Treasurer), Mateusz Torba (Historian), Dominick Anthony (Secretary), and Santiago Valencia (Director of Communications). Each executive board member has selected a section of the Sand Dollar to write on and made their debut with the summer edition, combining both July and August. They, as well as I, hope you enjoy their work.

Charles Pazmino (Advisor of the BTHS Coin Club)  
Sand Dollar Editor-in-Chief

## **Meeting Dates**

Come join us at our monthly meetings. The Ocean County Coin Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The dates of upcoming meetings are on Page 2.

## **Upcoming Events**

Stay in the know and check out the upcoming events on Page 2.

## **Coin Club Officers**

President  
Dennis Berube

President Emeritus  
Jim Majoris

Vice President  
Doug Ball

Treasurer  
Dolly Harris

## *Making a little bit of sense out of foreign coins*



Left: Coconut Palm & President Andres Bonifacio, 2 Piso Philippines

First Introduced: 1863

Still Used?: Yes

Value: Circa \$18.02



Left: Forest Elephant, 1/2 Cent Liberia

Right: Palm Tree at Beach, 1/2 Cent Liberia

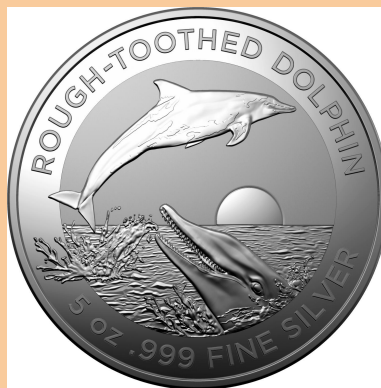
First Introduced: 1937

Still used?: No

Value: Circa \$7.18



Middle: 2023 Australia Dolphin Series  
Rough Toothed, 1 oz  
Silver Dollar  
Still used?: Yes  
Value: \$22.81 as of 8/16/23



Right: 2023 Australia Dolphin Series  
Rough Toothed, 1 oz  
Gold Dollar  
Still used?: Yes  
Value: \$1,934.90 as of 8/16/23

## COIN COLLECTING BASICS FROM THE U.S. MINT

### MINT MARKS

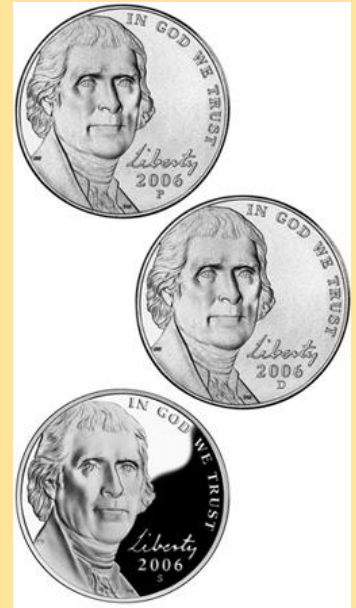
Mint marks are letters that identify where a coin was made. They hold the maker responsible for the quality of a coin. When the U.S. used precious metals such as gold and silver to make circulating coins, a commission evaluated the metal compositions and quality of coins from each of the Mint facilities. The evaluations ensured that each facility produced coins to the correct specifications.

Philadelphia was the only branch in operation in the Mint's earliest years, so identifying the sources of a coin was not necessary. A March 3, 1835 Congressional Act established mint marks in the United States, along with the first mint branches. When the Mint branches in Charlotte, Dahlonega, and New Orleans opened in 1838, mint marks made their first appearance on U.S. coins. However, the practice of not identifying Philadelphia's coins continued even after the first branches were established.

This changed in 1942. When nickel was removed from five-cent coins during World War II, the "P" mint mark first appeared on coins produced in Philadelphia. The mark's position also moved from the right of Monticello to above the dome to indicate the new metal composition. After the war, when use of the regular alloy resumed, the mint mark returned to its former position and the Mint no longer used Philadelphia's "P." In 1979, the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin was introduced. Once again, the "P" mint mark appeared. The following year, the "P" appeared on all of the denominations except the cent, which still holds true today.

### MINT MARKS ON METALS

Most medals don't have mint marks. The Philadelphia Mint makes Congressional Gold Medals and their bronze duplicates, Presidential Medals, and most others. But for certain numismatic silver medals, other Mint facilities may help. The Mint places the mint mark on some of these medals for marketing reasons. The mark can be on the obverse or reverse side, depending on how it fits into the design.





## The U.S. Mint's 2023 New Releases for July/August



### Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars

The Morgan Dollar was designed by Mint Chief Engraver George T. Morgan (1845- 1925) and minted from 1878 to 1904 and again in 1921. This iconic silver dollar represented the country's westward expansion and industrial development in the late 19th century. Created through the use of modern technology and historical Mint assets, the new Morgan Dollar has a beautiful proof finish.

The obverse (heads side) features Liberty in profile. A cap, flora, and crown incused with the word "LIBERTY" adorn her head, while 13 stars, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," and the year of issuance encircle her.

The reverse (tails) depicts an eagle with outstretched wings clasping arrows and an olive branch, accompanied by a wreath. Reverse inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "IN GOD WE TRUST," and "ONE DOLLAR."

In December 1921, the Peace Dollar design was approved by Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon, replacing the Morgan Dollar and marking peace between the U.S. and Germany. Designed by renowned Italian American Sculptor Anthony de Francisci (1887- 1964), the Peace Dollar symbolized the country's coming of age as an international power, while recognizing the sacrifices made by its citizens in World War I and celebrating victory and peace. Reintroduced to commemorate its centennial anniversary in 2021, the Peace Dollar has a beautiful proof finish.

The obverse (heads side) features Liberty in profile, a radiant crown on her head. Obverse inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," and the year of issuance.

The reverse (tails) depicts an eagle at rest holding an olive branch above the inscription "PEACE." Additional inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," and "ONE DOLLAR."

Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars can be purchased from the U.S. Mint for \$80 USD.

## *COIN QUOTE OF THE MONTH*

**"Humor is the ability to see three sides to one coin." -  
Ned Rorem**

### **UPCOMING OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING DATES:**

**September 21, October 19,  
November 16, December 21,  
January 18, February 15, March 21**

### **UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:**

**September 24th - Old Bridge Coin  
Show (8am - 2pm) - Old Bridge  
First Aid and Rescue Bldg.**

**October 28th - Jersey Shore Coin  
Show (9am - 3pm) - Ocean Fire  
House**

### **Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments**

#### **Board of Directors**

Jim Majoros / Jeff Thompson/ Joe Testa/  
Bob Holloway

#### **YN (Young Numismatists) Program Director**

Jim Majoros, Jeff Thompson

#### **Historical Researcher**

Richard Wolpin

#### **Dealer Representative**

Bob Holloway

#### **Auctioneer**

Mike Solimene

#### **Exhibits**

Jeff Thompson

#### **Librarian & Chief Education Officer**

Doug Ball

#### **Sergeant-at Arms**

John Deitz

### **Monthly Club Meetings**

- Monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month
- YN's (Young Numismatists) (ages 6 – 17) meeting begins at 6:30 where they earn CLUB DOLLARS for their participation in the program and use them to bid on coins during the YN Auction.
- The regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm and generally ends at 8:45 pm.
- Check out our website at: **[www.occoinclub.org](http://www.occoinclub.org)**
- Find us on Facebook at: Ocean County Coin Club
- Refreshments available at every meeting

### **Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments**

**ANA Representative**  
(Vacant)

#### **GSNA Representative**

Dennis Berube

#### **Membership**

Dolly Harris

#### **Refreshments**

Renee Berube

#### **Coin Show Director**

Joe Testa

#### **Assistant Coin Show Director**

Dennis Berube

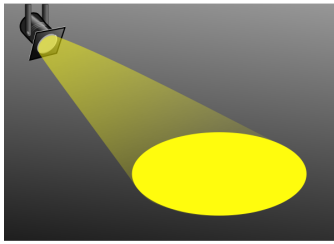
#### **Website/Facebook Page Administrator**

Dolly Harris

#### **The Sand Dollar (Newsletter)**

#### **Editor-in-Chief**

Charles Pazmiño



**Adult Members  
Spotlight  
Nominations  
Needed!!**

**Looking to highlight  
someone from our coin  
collecting community to  
shine a spotlight on.  
Send an email to the  
editor with some words  
about the nominee to  
[pazmino2@gmail.com](mailto:pazmino2@gmail.com)**

**Yearly Membership  
Rates:**

**Adults: \$15  
Young Numismatists (aka  
YNs - ages 6-17): \$10  
Family: \$20**

**\*Memberships must be  
renewed yearly**

**Special Thank you to:**

## **From the Ocean County Coin Club YN Director**

August 17th, 2023 Meeting will start with our YN Cent and Nickel Program, make sure to bring your albums. Vice President Doug Ball will be covering for me as I will be out of state. Your Annual Dues (\$10.00) are due (from June to June). Check your Membership Card Date!

YN's who wear the YN Tee shirts that were provided by FARRO TEES and the Farro family will get \$10.00 in YN Money to use at the YN Auctions.

We need a headcount of all YN's attending. Email Jeff at [chiefjthompson@comcast.net](mailto:chiefjthompson@comcast.net).

Special Thank You to our generous Club Dealers and Members for their donations and support of our Club YN Program.

6 pm to 6:30 pm will be the Cent and Nickel Program. Get up to 10 Cents and 5 Nickels to fill the holes in your collection.

6:30 YN Program begins.

Show and Tell: YN'S bring your Show and Tell items for \$10.00 YN Money.

YN Auction, we hope to have a few nice items for auction.

7:30 meeting ends

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions, this club is for you and we want you to benefit from it.

Check online for the Sand Dollar, it is the OCCC monthly newsletter.

You will find it very informative. [www.occcoinclub.org](http://www.occcoinclub.org)

Ocean County Coin Club Barbecue, River Front Park in Point Pleasant. No Charge for members, Date and Time to be announced at this Thursday meeting.

YN Director  
Chief Jeff Thompson, retired



## **Keep in Your Thoughts and Prayers**

**Beloved Ocean County Coin Club Member John Leavey passed away on June 24. He was better known as 'bottle john' and shared a table with Rich Brewer every year at the coin show. He gave some excellent presentations on antique glass and postcards. He was a treasure of local history and always sharing his expertise with everyone.**

**From everyone at the Sand Dollar, we give our condolences to John Leavey's family and friends**

