

THE SAND DOLLAR



THE OFFICIAL OCEAN COUNTY
COIN CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER

COIN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

***“Peace and justice are two sides
of the same coin.” - Unknown***

UPCOMING OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING DATES:

**April 17, 2025 - This will be our
last meeting at the Ocean Fire**

Company #1 location

**May 15, 2025 - First meeting at
our new location:**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

708 Ocean Road (Rt 88), Pt Pleasant

**June 19, 2025 - 2nd meeting at
our new location.**

UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:

**March 30th - The Watchung Hills Coin
Club Show and Sale**

**April 6th - The South Jersey Coin
Currency & Collectibles Show
(9am - 2pm)**

**April 13th - Burlington Coin Show
(9am - 2pm)**

**April 27th - Old Bridge Coin Show
(8am - 2pm)**

**Colts Neck Coin Shows: (9am - 3pm)
March 8th, April 12th & May 10th**

Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments

Board of Directors

Joe Testa / Jeff Thompson
Elizabeth Cronin / Bob Holloway
Dolly Harris / Doug Ball / Gino Ricca

YN (Young Numismatists) Program

Director

Jeff Thompson

Historical Researcher

Richard Wolpin

Dealer Representative

Bob Holloway

Auctioneer

Bob Holloway

Exhibits

Jeff Thompson

Librarian & Chief Education Officer Doug Ball

Sergeant-at Arms

John Deitz

Monthly Club Meetings

- Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month
- YNs (Young Numismatists) (ages 6 – 17) meet at 6PM when they begin with the Indian & Lincoln Cent Program and Liberty, Buffalo and Jefferson Nickel Program Albums.
The YNs actual meeting begins at 6:30 where they can earn TEN CLUB DOLLARS for their participation in the YN Show & Tell program.
The Young Numismatists use the Club Dollars to bid on coins during the YN Auction at the end of the meeting at 7PM
- The Coin Club member's regular monthly meeting begins at 7:30 PM and generally ends at 8:45 PM.
- Check out our website at:
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

Gino Ricca

GSNA Representative

(Vacant)

Membership

Dolly Harris

Refreshments

Joe Testa

Coin Show Director

Joe Testa

Assistant Coin Show Director

Michael Solimene

Website/Facebook Page

Administrator

Dolly Harris

The Sand Dollar (Newsletter)

Editor-in-Chief

Ed Rainer

- Elections were held during the February 2025 meeting and we now have two Co-Presidents: Gino Ricca and Doug Ball.
- Gino's **Trivia Contest** had no winner at the February meeting so the March prize goes up to 2 coins!

There are a total of five questions directed to all **PAID** members. Each member will have the same allotted time for the quiz. The members will be given a results sheet to mark down their answers. Gino will then officiate the results and announce the winner.

The winner will be awarded a numismatic coin. If there is more than one winner a tiebreaker question will decide the winner. If there is no winner then the prize will double the following month.

The Trivia Contest questions for the February meeting were:

1. Why did the mint decide to put ridges on coins? Answer: To deter shaving the edges and selling the shavings.
2. Where is the US paper currency printed? Answer: Ft. Worth & Washington D.C.
3. In what year was the California Gold Rush? Answer: 1848
4. When did IN GOD WE TRUST first appear on US paper currency? Answer: 1957
5. What did the mint mark "C" stand for? Answer: Charlotte Mint

- The club picnic will be revisited this year. An announcement will be forthcoming.
- Any other ideas on an event or something the club can do for its members that would make it more interesting for you are welcome. Please present them at any club meeting for consideration.
- We are asking for more **Show and Tell** items and stories from members to be given at each meeting in front of the general audience. Please bring a coin / coins for your presentation as this helps with making the Show and Tell more interesting. If your coin is very valuable – we can leave

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 posted above.

NEW LOCATION FOR OUR MEETINGS!

There is a new location for our monthly meetings. Beginning with the May 15th meeting, we will be meeting at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**
708 Ocean Road
(Rt 88) Pt Pleasant

Upcoming Events

2025 Annual Coin Show coming in October! Details to follow.

Coin Club Officers

Co-Presidents
Doug Ball
Gino Ricca

Treasurer
Dolly Harris

it up by the front table and I can watch it while members look at it.

- The 50/50 prizes will now be split evenly for the first and second drawings.
- Joe Testa is back and will chair the October Coin Show. Tables will be \$50.
- The Christmas Party was held at the FireHouse and was well attended. See the photos at the end of the Newsletter.
- In April we will be having the display, “Honoring Our Veterans in Coins and Medals” at the Point Pleasant Borough County Library on Beaver Dam Road. This display has been ongoing for the last nine years. This display covers the Veterans for the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. Many medals and other military collectibles are also displayed.
- In the Point Pleasant Beach County Library we will be having the display, “Coins for Kids”. Here we display Disney coins for the younger children and continues on to coins for adolescents such as the “Cheerios” Sacagawea coins.

8 Extremely Rare American Silver Eagle Coins

1995-W Proof Silver Eagle

The 1995-W Proof Silver Eagle is often considered the holy grail of Silver Eagle collecting. It has a mintage of only 30,125, making it one of the scarcest Silver Eagles ever produced.

Currently, high-grade examples are valued between \$3,000 and \$5,000, with some selling for over \$10,000 at auction. This coin holds historical significance as the first Silver Eagle to feature the West Point (“W”) mint mark.

1996 Silver Eagle

The 1996 Silver Eagle, though not a proof issue, is the rarest bullion-strike Silver Eagle from the early years of the series. It had a mintage of 3,603,386, which is the lowest of any bullion Silver Eagle until 2018. This lower production was due to decreased demand for silver bullion in the mid-1990s.

Today, uncirculated examples range from \$50 to \$100, making this issue highly sought after among collectors looking to complete a full set of Silver Eagles.

2008-W Reverse of 2007 Silver Eagle

This variety was created by a mint error, making it a modern rarity. The estimated mintage is around 47,000, with market values ranging from \$400 to \$600 for MS-69 examples.

The error occurred when the U.S. Mint accidentally used the 2007 reverse die to strike some 2008 Silver Eagles, creating a slight design difference in the lettering. Since this mistake wasn’t noticed immediately, relatively few of these coins were preserved, making them highly valuable to collectors who seek rare varieties.

1994 Silver Eagle

The 1994 Silver Eagle is one of the lowest-mintage bullion issues of the 1990s. It had a mintage of 4,227,319 for the bullion version and 372,168 for the proof version. Today, bullion examples are valued between \$40 and \$60, while proofs range from \$150 to \$200.

This coin holds historical significance as it had the second-lowest bullion mintage of the decade. Although not as rare as the 1996 Silver Eagle, the 1994 issue is still desirable, particularly in high grades.

2019-S Enhanced Reverse Proof Silver Eagle

This modern rarity quickly became one of the most sought-after special finish Silver Eagles. With a mintage of only 30,000, it is among the lowest production Silver Eagles ever released. The current market value is between \$1,000 and \$1,000, reflecting its extreme scarcity.

This issue is notable for its enhanced reverse proof finish, which highlights design elements through selective polishing and frosting. Selling out within minutes of its release,

this coin has earned a place as one of the most valuable modern Silver Eagles.

1986 Silver Eagle

As the first year of issue, the 1986 Silver Eagle holds special significance in the series. The bullion version had a mintage of 5,393,005, while the proof version had 1,446,778 minted. Although it is not considered rare in terms of production numbers, it remains a key coin for collectors.

The current market value ranges from \$35 to \$50 for bullion examples and \$75 to \$100 for proofs. High-grade examples, particularly those graded MS-70, command significant premiums due to their historical importance as the inaugural release of the American Silver Eagle program.

2015-P Reverse Proof Silver Eagle

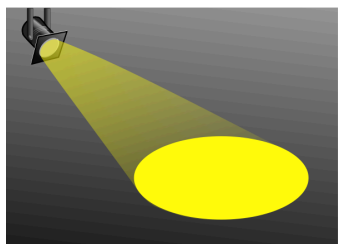
This special issue was released as part of a 75th Anniversary commemorative set and was the first reverse proof Silver Eagle with a “P” mint mark from the Philadelphia Mint.

It had a mintage of 74,430, making it a limited-edition coin. The current market value is between \$200 and \$250. Due to its unique finish and limited availability, this coin remains highly collectible among modern Silver Eagles.

2020-W V75 Privy Mark Silver Eagle

This issue was released to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. With a mintage of 75,000, it remains a relatively low-mintage release. Its current market value ranges from \$300 to \$400.

The coin features a special V75 privy mark, symbolizing the Allied victory in World War II. Because of its historical significance and limited production, it sold out rapidly upon release, making it one of the most desirable modern Silver Eagles



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 the editor at:

ed925.1000@gmail.com

Yearly Membership Rates:

Adults: \$25
Young Numismatists
(aka YNs - ages 6-17): **\$15**
Family: \$30
***Memberships must be renewed yearly**

From the Ocean County Coin Club's YN Director

Young Numismatist Monthly Club Meetings

YN Meeting Report.- Thursday, February 20, 2025

Last meeting February 20th 2025 9 YNs attended the YN Meeting. All attending were issued New YN Tee Shirts. Farros Tee generously donated them for the YN program. Two new members joined the meeting .

- Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month just prior to the Regular Ocean County Coin Club Meetings. Young Numismatist (YNs), ages 6 – 17 are both boys and girls are encouraged to join and learn about the fun hobby of coin collecting.

The YN meetings are from 6PM to 7PM. From 6:00 - 6:30 the YNs start with the Cent and Nickel Program Albums.

They'll get up to 10 Cents and 5 Nickels to fill the holes in the albums of their collection. We will be expanding the program to include dimes and quarters albums.

- The YNs meeting begins at 6:30. YN's learn about all aspects of coin collecting and earn CLUB DOLLARS for their Show and Tell Presentations {\$10.00 YN Money) and use there YN Money to bid on coins during the YN Auction . YN Auction and meeting ends at 7PM . Generally we have 7 to 9 YN Members at each meeting and have approximately 20 members in total.

- The regular Ocean County Coin Club meeting begins at 7:30 PM and generally ends at 8:45 pm.

You can email Jeff at: chiefjthompson@comcast.net.

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

Check us out online; You will find it very informative.

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