

South Brevard Coin Club Newsletter



December 2023

MEETINGS:

**First Wednesday of
every month**

David R. Schechter Center
(Satellite Beach Community
Center)
1089 So. Patrick Drive
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Doors Open 6:00
Social Time 6:30–7:00 pm
Meeting Time 7:00 pm

Board of Directors:

Chairman:

Jim Nuara

President:

Mike Smith

Vice President:

Jack Klein

Treasurer:

Tim Janecke

Secretary/Newsletter

Paula Davis



December Holiday Party

**December 6, 2023
6:00 pm**

Golden Corral Buffet
880 Palm Bay Road NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Free to all current
SBCC Members

Guests welcome
pay regular buffet price

**Over \$1000 in Fantastic
Raffle Items**

Please RSVP to Paula Davis
pmdavis@aol.com



South Brevard Coin Club

P.O. Box 372418, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-3972

**Member of the American Numismatic Association (ANA)
and Florida United Numismatists (FUN)**

www.southbrevardcoinclub.org

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IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD:

The Board elections at the November meeting resulted in the current board members retaining all current positions. Chairman, Jim Nuara; President, Mike Smith; Vice President, Jack Klein; Treasurer, Tim Janecke; and Secretary, Paula Davis.

This last year has been very good and our membership has grown to 133 members! And because of our increased membership, and with the goal of bringing worthwhile programs and activities to the members, we are in need everyone's help to keep our club running and thriving! Our Board members put in a lot of time to keep things running and it's critical to get more participation from the members! Bob Mellor has also done the lion's share of presenting interesting educational programs for the Club but due to his other commitments he will not be able to devote as much time to the Club in the upcoming year.

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Monthly Program Coordinator – To be in charge of scheduling monthly speakers/activities.

Hospitality Coordinator – To coordinate refreshments at the monthly meetings and semi-annual parties.

Membership Assistant – To assist the Membership Chairman with recruiting new members and working at the Membership Table at the Second Sunday Coin Show when needed.

Webmaster – Maintain website development and updates on a regular basis.

Community Advertising – To work in the community to promote and advertise Club activities.

Coin Show Bourse Assistant – To work with the Show Bourse, Jim Nuara, at the Second Sunday Coin Show.

Treasurer Backup – To work closely with the Treasurer to be able to assist when needed.

Coin Talk Monthly Facilitator – Set up library meeting room and facilitate the monthly discussions.

MEMBERS PLEASE STEP UP TO FILL THESE POSITIONS!

Contact a Board Member to volunteer for the position you can help with.

Upcoming Programs

| Month/Year | Topic | Speaker |
|----------------|---|-------------|
| January 2024 | Colonial and Early American Currency | Tim Janecke |
| February 2024 | TBD | |
| March 2024 | TBD | |
| April 2024 | TBD | |
| May 2024 | TBD | |
| June 2024 | 1715 Treasure Fleet | Chet Hogan |
| July 2024 | Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night | |
| August 2024 | TBD | |
| September 2024 | TBD | |
| October 2024 | TBD | |
| November 2024 | TBD | |
| December 2024 | Annual Holiday Dinner and Raffle | |



Coin Club Library – The Club has a great library of numismatic books that members are welcome to check out! The complete list of books available is in the newsletter. Contact Jack Klein (kleinjack@att.net) to check out.

Invite a Friend!

Invite your friends who share your numismatic passion to come to a meeting and see what we're all about. Anyone joining after July 1st is Half Price, just \$7.50 for the balance of the year!

Benefits and Membership Application at end of newsletter.

Articles for the Newsletter are encouraged from all members!

Please consider submitting an article about something you found interesting or some personal experience you have had in your coin collecting.

Your sharing helps educate other members with your areas of expertise or experience.

Plus, there is a little goody from the Club for your efforts!

Also, let us know of any future Coin Related Events in the Area.

Please submit articles or information to Paula Davis (pmqdavis@aol.com) to appear in a future newsletter...

Mark Your Calendar!

2nd Sunday COIN SHOW

Azan Shrine Center
1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32935

2nd Sunday Each Month

9:30am-3:00pm

This is a monthly show held on the second Sunday of every month. Come to the show to pick up Coins-Currency-Stamps or become a dealer and sell.

Free admission, free parking. A.N.A.C. Coin Grading Company is on site for your coin submissions, food is available for purchase.

For information on table rental contact **Alysha Wilson - Phone 321-704-3070 or email AlyshaWilson@Att.net**

COIN TALK

Suntree Viera Public Library
902 Jordan Blass Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940

4th Tuesday of the month

6:00pm-7:45pm

Informal meeting for anyone interested in numismatics. Bring an item to show and tell or bring a topic to talk about. Always interesting discussions conducted by Bob Mellor!

See Message Under IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

TREASURE COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

March 9, 2024

36TH ANNUAL TCAS HUNT

**Kiwanis-Hobart Park
77th St, Vero Beach, FL 32967**

Annual gathering of treasure hunters! Fun, food and prizes!

See flyer at end of newsletter.

Contact TCAS.Club@gmail.com for more information

COINS IN FLORIDA

www.coinsinflorida.com

Fabulous website for a comprehensive list of coin clubs, auctions, shows, events, and news in Florida! Join their newsletter!

Check out this website for a wealth of information, resources and events for all levels of numismatists.

<https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week>

2024 Dues are Due in January!

Yearly dues are \$15 per year which is a great value for all the benefits of membership! We ask that you fill out a new application each year so we can keep our records updated. You can pay the Membership Chairman at the January meeting or you can use the application that is in this newsletter and mail it to our Post Office Box.



Also, all coin dealers in our Second Sunday Coin Show are required to be a member of the Coin Club. Please stop by SBCC Membership table in the front hallway to pay dues or mail to the P.O Box with the application in the newsletter.

We are bringing back our book review to highlight the many great books we have in our library.

This is how it works...

- Check a book out from the library by contacting Jack Klein
- Keep it for a month and prepare a review of it
- Bring it back at the next monthly meeting.
- Present the review of the book to the club membership
- Receive a "goody" from Bob's goody bag.

So...check over our vast list below and choose what you would like to report on!



Contact Jack Klein (kleinjack@att.net) to check out



SBCC Library Books

Available for Checkout



| COIN CLUB of SOUTH BREVARD LIBRARY | PAGE 1 |
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| TITLE | Author Publisher |
| 1913 Liberty Head Nickel | Stack Bowers |
| American Silver Eagles | Whitman Publishing |
| Andean Collection South/Central American Bank Notes | Spink Inc. |
| Blackbook Price Guide to Paper Money | HUDGEONS, Marc |
| Coin and Currency Market Review | coinprices.com |
| Coin World Extra Magazine | Coin World |
| Collectible American Coins | BRESSETT, Kenneth |
| Confederate States Paper Money | CUHAJ, George S. |
| Curious Currency | LEONARD, Robert D. |
| Die Photos & Fuld/Moore Listings Update | FULD, George & Melvin |
| Early Paper Money of America 5th edition | NEWMAN, Eric P. |
| Early Paper Money of America 2023 edition | NEWMAN, Eric P. |
| Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Proof Coins | BREEN, Walter |
| ErrorScope Magazine | Number 3 |
| Grading Guide for Early American Copper Coins | FUOSS and WILLIAMS |
| Grading United States Coins | ANA |
| Indian Peace Medals | ADAMS, John W. |
| Money: History in Your Hands | ANA: James Earl Jones; narrator |
| Money of the Bible | BRESSETT, Kenneth |
| National Bank Notes A Guide with Prices 1981 | KELLY, Don C. |
| National Bank Notes A Guide with Prices 2004 | KELLY, Don C. |
| Neighborhood Mint, The | HEAD and ETHERIDGE |
| Numismatic Forgeries | LARSON, Charles |
| Numismatic Listings of Modern and Medieval Countries | GROSSMAN, Lee |
| Obsolete Paper Money Issued by U.S. Banks | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Blue Book Handbook of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Blue Book Handbook of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Blue Book Handbook of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Guide to Mint Errors | HERBERT, Alan |
| Official Red Book: A Guide Book of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Red Book: A Guide Book of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Red Book of United States Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 1 Guide to Morgan Silver Dollars | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 2 Guide to Double Eagle Gold Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 3 Guide to United States Type Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 4 Guide to Modern US Proof Sets | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 5: Guide to Shield and Liberty Nickels | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 6: Guide to Flying Eagles and Indian Cents | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 7: Guide to Washington Quarters | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 8: Guide to Buffalo and Jeffersons Nickels | BOWERS, Q. David |

| COIN CLUB of SOUTH BREVARD LIBRARY | PAGE 2 |
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| TITLE | Auth or Pub |
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| Official Red Book # 9: Guide to Lincoln Cents | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 10: Guide to US Commemorative Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 11: Guide to US Tokens and Medals | JAEGER, Katherine |
| Official Red Book # 12: Guide to Gold Dollars | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 16 Guide to Civil War Tokens | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 17 Guide to Hard Times Tokens | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 18: Guide to Mercury Dimes Standing Liberty Quarters Liberty Walking Halves (single volume) | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 19: Guide to Half Cents Large Cents | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 20: Guide to Barber Silver Dimes | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 21: Guide to Liberty Seated Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 22: Guide to Modern US Dollars | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 23: Guide to the US Mint | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book # 24: Guide to Gold Eagle Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Whitman Guidebook Grading Standards US Coins | BRESSETT, Kenneth 1999 |
| Official Whitman Guidebook to US Currency | BRESSETT, Kenneth 1999 |
| Paper Money of the United States 2017 | FRIEDBERG, Arthur and Ira |
| Past Tense: History through the Lens of American Coinage | GILLIS, Rod |
| Rare Coin Estate Book 2000 | HALPERIN, James |
| Red Book of United States Coins 1965 | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Select Numismatic Bibliography 1965 | CLAIN-STEFANELLI, Elvira Eliza |
| SHEKEL | SCHUMAN, Edward |
| Shipwrecks Near Wabasso Beach | WELLER, Robt. & RICHARDS, Ernie |
| Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money 14th Edition | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of United States Tokens | RULAU, Russe |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1701-1800 | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1900 (2004) | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1999 (1999) | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1901-2000 | CUHAJ, George |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 2001-2008 | BRUCE, Colin |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins Single Volume 1987 | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Paper Money 1650-1960 | PICK, Albert |
| Standard Catalog of World Paper Money 1961-2000 | BRUCE, Colin |
| Standing Liberty Quarters 2007 | CLINE, J.H. |
| Truth Seeker: Life of Eric P. Newman | AUGSBURGER, BURDETTE, & OROSZ |
| United States Coinage | GUTH, Ron & GARRETT, Jeff |
| United States Copper Cents | NEWCOMB, Howard R. |
| United States Gold Patterns | AKERS, David W. |
| U.S. Pattern, Trial, & Experimental Pieces | ADAMS & WOODIN |
| World Coin News Magazine | KRAUSE Pubs |



Treasure Coast Archaeological Society
 Sebastian, Florida • Indian River County



*Come one come all to the annual gathering of treasure hunters!
 There will be fun, food, prizes and merriment for all at the*

36th Annual TCAS Hunt
Saturday • March 9, 2024 • 9AM
Kiwanis-Hobart Park (77th St, Vero Beach, FL 32967)

Entry Fee: \$145 per hunter (Includes all hunts and lunch)
 The youth hunt is free (lunch not included)
 Extra lunches are available for \$10 each
Sign up before February 1, 2024 and the cost is only \$125 per hunter

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Emergency contact/Phone: _____

Extra Lunches: _____ @ \$10 each

Total enclosed: _____

Send check or money order payable to TCAS and registration form to:

TCAS
PO BOX 780768
Sebastian, FL 32978

Please feel free to contact us at TCAS.Club@gmail.com

Schedule of Events

9:00am - Registration

9:30-10am – Orientation & Warm-Up Hunt

10:00am COMPETITION HUNT
 Thousands of painted tokens that have been distributed in the hunt area. Find as many as you can! 1 hr

11:15am - YOUTH HUNT (12 and under) 15 min

11:15am - THE SHOOT-OUT (PINPOINT)
 In this grueling challenge, you'll have 30 seconds to locate and mark an X on top of a coin hidden under a piece of plywood.

12:00pm LUNCH BREAK!

1:30pm - SILVER & REALE HUNT
 Silver coins and prize tokens will be randomly distributed in the hunt field. Recover as many as you can, and keep all that you find!

3:00 pm Awards Presentation

***** **THE RULES** *****
 All hunts rain or shine
 Wear your badge at all times.
 Headphones required
 No pulse machines or devices
 No large shovels, beach scoops or picks
 Dig and retrieve your own targets!

THE TURBULENT HISTORY OF ISRAELI COINS

by Fred Garvin

Aspects of today's world events make it seem as if its 1939 all over again, but at that time London had been minting coins for use in the Holy Land for over a decade, and in the 2nd Century BC the first Hebrew coinage was being produced in Jerusalem.

The earliest coin from the Province of Judea, found in the hills Southwest of Hebron is the YEHUD Coin. Produced under Persian rule in the 5th Century BC these coins were struck by an autonomous Israeli Authority with permission from their Persian overlords. For this reason, and bearing Ancient Hebrew writing gives it the “earliest” label. Weighing in at 3.58 grams of silver it's almost a full shekel



Three Centuries later, now under Syrian rule, Antiochus VII Sidetes King of Syria, granted the last of the Maccabee brothers Simon, permission to produce coinage as stated in the First Book of Maccabees 15:24, “Leave also to coin money for thy Country with thine own stamp.”

Unfortunately, there are no coins of this period known to exist because this right was withdrawn along with other privileges extended to Simon after his murder, 135 BC, and the accession of his son John Hyrcanus I to the throne. Antiochus VII then gained control over Jerusalem and did strike small bronze coins half Hebrew & half Syrian.



After the death of Antiochus VII in 129 BC, John Hyrcanus I achieved the complete independence of Judaea and expanded the Kingdom East & North to the Galilee. The coins of this period 129-37 BC are known as Hasmonean/Maccabean Coins, and were all small bronze prutahs, also called mites. Antigonus Mattathias was the last to rule Judaea of this period. His short and volatile reign was subjected to persistent conflict with Herod. The crudeness of these coins is evidence of the desperation, and with his Hebrew name always stamped backwards. Herod was “appointed” King of Judaea through the influence of Mark Anthony when Jerusalem fell to the Romans in 37 BC and Mattathias was executed in Antioch.



Throughout the time of Our Messiah, whose Hebrew name is Yeshua, small bronze coins were issued by Procurators appointed by Rome and governed Judaea concurrently with the reign of the Herodians from 6 AD – 66 AD. The first Procurator used a palm tree design which became the quintessential symbol of Judaea on coins and can be seen on Israeli currency coins to this day. Ear of barley designs also originated from this period.



Leading up to the destruction of The Temple by the Romans in 70 AD, Tyrian shekels were used to pay the “Temple Tax” but once the Revolt began in 66 AD, Jerusalem was secured and the production of silver shekels replaced them. These handsome coins are truly The First Israeli Coins. A Chalice on the Obverse with an ancient Hebrew inscription “SHEKEL OF ISRAEL”, and three budding pomegranates are shown on the Reverse with the inscription “JERUSALEM THE HOLY”. Unique in ancient numismatics the edges were hammered, (not Paul Pelosi hammered,.. but kinda) except for the first year produced which are scarce. The 2nd and 3rd year shekels and half shekels are relatively common, 4th and 5th year coins are extremely rare.



Unlike the situation at the start of the first revolt, in Simon Bar-Kochba's time 132 AD – 135 AD there was no Temple & no Temple Treasury. So, in order to mint their own coins as a sign of sovereignty, they gathered all of the bronze & silver foreign coins circulating in Judaea, filed off the original designs and re-stamped them with Israeli symbols and Hebrew inscriptions. Coins of the first two years are dated and stamped “Year 1 (or Year 2) of the Redemption of Israel”. By the 3rd Year The Hebrew inscription changed to “The Hope for the Freedom of Jerusalem”. There are dozens of varieties

of these bronze and silver coins from this short period. It wouldn't be until the 20th Century when we would see Hebrew inscriptions on a coin used as currency.



So now WWI had been over with for almost a decade and a Palestine Currency Board, based in London, was appointed in 1926 to introduce a new local currency. It would be called the Palestine Pound, 1:1 with sterling, and divided into 1000 mils. Known as The British Palestine Mandate Coins, they became legal tender on Nov. 1 1927. The Currency Board explicitly excluded TransJordan from its application, however the TransJordan Government was emigrating record numbers across its western border and used it anyway ultimately doing away with the Egyptian Pound by 1930. All of these coins were minted in London and only the 50 & 100 mil coins were of 0.720 silver. 1946 was the last year of minting and most of them were melted down.



A lesser-known fact is in the Hebrew writing on the coin's obverse. All coins were minted with the word “Palestine” in

three languages, English, Arabic, & Hebrew. Within the parenthesis of the Hebrew script is an abbreviation for LAND OF ISRAEL. Another lesser-known fact is that it was Herodotus who “coined” the word Palestine in his 500 BC manuscript “THE HISTORIES”. He was defining a small strip of land on the east end of the Mediterranean, north of the Nile and South of Tyre within the borders of Canaan. It meant “Land of the Philistine”, who were Aegean peoples, basically they were Greek, and wiped out when Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon conquered the area in the 6th Century BC. Romans and Most cartographers used the word on their maps through the centuries, and by 1916 it merely referred to a section of land within the Ottoman Empire being cut up by the Brits and the French, and promised to both the Hashemite Arabs and Those of Hebrew Lineage. “The Levant” is another term to describe this same area, and the term is used exclusively by Arabs and antisemites. They do not want to reference anything Hebrew, and it is for this reason also the UN initiated the term “west bank”. They do not, and will not mention the ancient names of Samaria and Judaea.



The scattered Tribes of Israel returned to their biblically bequeathed homeland and in 1948 the ruling elite of this world we live in granted Israel National Sovereignty. The Israeli Mint was established in 1954 and all minting in the UK ceased. Prutahs were once again

produced in the Ancient Kingdom of Judaea. In 1960 the Israeli Government decided to change the subdivision of the Israeli Pound, Lira, from 1000 Prutah to 100 Agorot due to the currency's depreciation. The name was suggested by the Academy of Hebrew Language. Incidentally Hebrew is the only once dead spoken language to live again. The term “piece of silver” appears in First Samuel 2:36 as “agorat kessel”. However, I have never seen a circulated Agorot made of silver.

The Israeli Mint moved from Tel-Aviv to its Capitol in 1966 and by 1967 all trade coins were minted in Jerusalem.



The First Commemorative Coin of Israel was issued by the Bank of Israel in 1958 to mark their 10th Anniversary of Sovereignty. It was very popular and through the years there have been countless styles of commemorative Israeli coins produced. They vary in silver percentages from .999 to .050. These are the coins I have been primarily collecting since I became a member of the South Brevard Coin Club earlier this year. They are scarce in coin shops, hardly ever find them, and the only British Mandate Coins I have bought on the line are from an Israeli coin dealer in Haifa. I don't know if visiting Jerusalem will ever be possible, but what I do know is a statement made by Golda Meir, “We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.