



Two recent Canadian commemoratives, a gift from a good friend in Canada on your editor's retirement in 2010. The curling commemorative is an inside joke shared between two friends barely able to contain their excitement over the heart stopping action of the fast paced sport played with brooms and stones. The integrated hologram is reproduced in my photograph using multiple images to show the variety of colors that appear as one turns the coin in the light. The 3 Dollar piece is struck in silver with yellow gold and rose gold overlays. Camaraderie at its best for a collector.

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**1150<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
7:30PM Wednesday February 22, 2012  
Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California**

**OUR NORTHERN  
NEIGHBOR: CANADA,  
COINS, COLLECTORS, AND  
CAMARADERIE**

*Presented by Michael Turrini*

## *1149<sup>th</sup> meeting, January 25, 2012*

Bill Hyder presented a talk: The PPIE Official Medal prepared by Jeff Shevlin and himself based on a draft article prepared for the Numismatist. The official medal is cataloged as being struck in silver, gilt bronze, and bronze. Silver and gold-plated bronze medals were struck at the Philadelphia mint since they involved the use of precious metals. Bronze medals were struck at the mint exhibit in San Francisco and were finished with one of four patinas: Bright Bronze, Statuary Bronze, Oxidized Bronze, and Antiqued Bronze. Shevlin and Hyder have compiled a color chart to allow the identification of the different finishes for uncirculated medals. As the medals wear, correct identification of the patina becomes difficult if not impossible in most instances. They also document silver-plated medals that they speculate were produced for Farran Zerbe in order to make an additional profit and cast white metal examples that were likely made outside the exposition grounds by others hoping to profit from the exposition souvenir market. In all, only 40,000 plus bronze medals and about 2,500 silver medals were sold despite a record attendance of approximately 18,000,000 people.

### **Member exhibits:**

Michael shared his collection of encased cents from San Francisco and a Magnolia Saloon token from San Francisco.

Mark circulated David Lange's 2001 marriage token, counter stamped 2011 in celebration of his tenth wedding anniversary.

Herb brought a miniature skillet with the Horticultural Palace from the PPIE, a Grand Council PPIE badge from the UC Team, and a First Day Participant's badge. In addition, he shared a Condor Token slave half-penny from Manchester.

Joanie shared a Roman coin from 180-192 AD of Commodus, son of Marcus Aurelius, three 1943 steel cents, and a second restrike of the Lovett Confederate Cent.

Dan shared an 1893 Italian Columbian Exposition high relief medal, a 1925 German inflation medal recording the astounding prices of the time, and a 1966 ANA Diamond Jubilee medal.

David brought a World War I French medal featuring a tank, a Hitler and pig satirical medal, and a 1970 coins price book.

Stephen shared a rare 1848 Venice 5 Lire struck on an earlier silver crown that had been defaced and then over struck.

Whalen shared a variety of Buffalo nickels including a 1914/3, a 1918-3 with retained cuds, a 1918/7-D, and a 1937-D 3-legged Buffalo (possibly an altered piece).

Bill shared an unlisted early California gaming counter with the California state seal and an American flag design on the reverse.

### **Raffle Prizes:**

PPIE Diamond Jubilee Medal, PPIE Mating Bear token, 2 SF Stereo Cards, 2 PCNS Souvenir Cards, PPIE Stetson hat token, a PPIE Uncle Sam token, an HK 422 PPIE medal, and a Mandalay Bay Saint-Gaudens Treasures Medal.

**Articles Wanted:** A committee has been appointed to restore the annual PCNS publication series. Do you have an article you have been wanting to write? Now is the time to put pen to paper and share your knowledge of your collecting specialty. More details will be available in the next bulletin.

### **2012 meeting Schedule:**

March 28, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

April 25, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

May 23, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

June 30, 2012: Banquet Location TBA

July 25, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

August 22, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

September 26, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

October 24, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

November 28, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

December 26, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason