

## PCNS EVENTS

March 23... Monthly Meeting — *Medals* (see front)

April 27... *Papers Deadline & Meeting* — speaker needed\*

May 25... Monthly Meeting — speaker needed\*

June 25... BBQ Luncheon hosted by Dan Hipple

\* We need speakers for **April, May, July** and later this year.

Please email [webmaster@pcns.org](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org) if you can present a program. It can even be something about which you are preparing a *Paper* (see April, above).

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• Q • A •

*Why does the 1200<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting of PCNS fall in April 2016 instead of during 2015, our Centennial year?*

During the earliest years of PCNS, meetings were not called every month, and it appears there was a scheduling conflict or two during WWII. Though PCNS held its first meeting in 1915, a few months were unavoidably skipped over the course of the century.



## 1199<sup>TH</sup> Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



## *National Commemorative Medals*

by **Bob Somers**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 7:30 PM**  
**at Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco**

## GOLD RUSH BILLS OF EXCHANGE — REVISITED IN FEBRUARY

Michael Wehner's talk on banking in the San Francisco area included both his collection and a visual presentation on the historic financial documents which allowed merchants and agents of bank in distant locations to function as local SF banks during the Gold Rush.

Michael's research into the various Agents in San Francisco revealed details of their business locations, staff, changes in name and function, and even provided clues to their partners in the East or other countries. Among the notes he displayed were Daniel Gibb & Co, C. James King of Wms Co, and Adams & Co, which failed dramatically on San Francisco's *Black Friday*.

The discussion following the presentation included the loss of the The Central America with \$2,000,000 in gold intended to back redemption of these notes, which triggered bank failures and an economic depression in the eastern US.

## HONORARY MEMBER NAMED — AGAIN

The members voted to extend Honorary Membership for 2016 to **Becky Cieniewicz** in recognition of her years of service to *The Journal of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society*.

## SPONSORS OF THE SOCIETY — BOARD POLICY UPDATED

At the February Board meeting, the PCNS Board stated its current policy regarding *Sponsors*:

“The Title of *Sponsor* shall apply automatically during each calendar year to those Active members who make a monetary contribution to the Society of at least \$100 above and beyond their Active member dues for that year. Sponsors shall be acknowledged in our publications for that year as prescribed in Art II §4 of the PCNS Constitution. No other form of contribution nor acknowledgement is current policy regarding the Sponsor title.”

## FEBRUARY MEMBER EXHIBITS



**KINGDOM OF CYPRUS: Hugh IV, 1324-1359, AR gros (4.53g), Ma-69, king seated on curule chair, letter B to left / cross of Jerusalem, VF** ex John Quincy Adams Collection

Mary — two examples of a medieval Crusader coin of Cyprus, one of which carries a pedigree to President John Quincy Adams! (above)

Dan — a selection of 3 Swiss shooting medals from 1899–1902 with mintages of 300–400 each.

Mike — in addition to his collection of Bills of Exchange, he showed the latest version of his article on Asparagus Gin Tokens as published in NTCA's Talking Tokens monthly.

Mark — Philippines *short snorter* with 25 signatures, on a note issued for emergency Aviator Packs — the only known instance of such a note being so used. Also a note from 1914 of the Mexican Revolution printed in the US but then overprinted in Mexico.

Chris — 5 ancient coins from a collection he recently started, including a foureé denarius of the Roman Republic.

Federico — Countermarks and commentary on the changes in the collectibility of Cuban material as the US and Cuba normalize diplomatic relations.

Bob — US Mint silver medal for the South Carolina Tricentennial, a modern fake US \$5 bill received in circulation (not very convincing, but good enough to pass when mixed into a stack as change).

Stephen — 1896 award medal from a veterinary college in Edinburgh, Scotland, depicting Androcles and the Lion.

Bill — a small press book on the technique of illustrating medals in print before the time of photographic illustrations, a Pennsylvania fire department centennial medal with different dates in the late 1800s on each side, and a PPIE large lucky penny depicting the Liberty Bell.