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SNS / SCC News Summary / Archive

2003-2025

This document provides a summary of SNS & SCC news headlines (mostly monthly meeting information and topics) which previously appeared on the club's website.

List of websites and webpages referenced in this document

Seattle Coin Club (new website effective August 2026)

<https://seattlecoinclub.org/>

American Numismatic Association

<https://money.org/>

<https://www.money.org/videos/> (Video Archive)

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

<https://pnna.org/wp/>

<https://pnna.org/wp/events/spring/> (spring convention)

<https://pnna.org/wp/events/fall/> (fall coin show)

<https://pnna.org/wp/events/fair/> (Washington State Fair)

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/info/pnna-history/memorial/> (Memorial page)

Newman Numismatic Portal

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/>

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/587732> (“The Short Snorter Project - Still Keeping the Memories Alive - Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II.”)

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/626957> (“You Can’t Take It With You”)

Short Snorters

<https://www.shortsnoter.org/>

SNS News Summary 2003

Seattle and University Coin Clubs Merge

The Seattle Coin Club and the University Coin Club elected to merge in January 2003 to form the Seattle Numismatic Society (SNS). Both clubs had a final meeting and holiday party in December 2002 before the merger.



Photo: Members and guests present at the inaugural meeting of the Seattle Numismatic Society on Thursday, January 16, 2003.

The Seattle Coin Club was founded in 1936, and the University Coin Club was founded in 1960. Although the UCC met near the University of Washington, it was not affiliated with the university. The merged club is a member of the American Numismatic Association, with the Seattle club's old membership number, C-5592.

There is a larger version of the above photo on the new club website's merger page.

No news summaries from 2004-2006 are currently available.

SNS News Summary 2007

Planned display topics for the fall 2007 club meetings included:

9/20/2007 "The Old Country", items from countries your ancestors came from.

10/18/2007 Weird and wonderful ... the strangest items from your collection.

11/15/2007 Technology and numismatics ... how has the science of minting coins and printing banknotes changed over the years?

12/20/2007 Religious iconography on coins and paper money.

SNS News Summary 2008

Planned display topics or programs for the winter 2008 club meetings included:

1/17/2008 Annual display runoff

2/21/2008 Annual banquet

3/20/2008 Proofs, essays, specimens, non-circulating legal tender - all the coins and notes that were never meant to circulate.

No news summaries from 2009-2010 are currently available.

SNS News Summary 2011

Meeting Location

New location!! SNS meetings are now held in the social room of Queen Anne Manor (basement), 100 Crockett Street, (Queen Anne Hill), Seattle, WA at 7:15 PM on the 3rd Thursday of most months. There are currently no July-August meetings scheduled, and there is an off-site banquet each February. The 2011 banquet was February 17, 2011 at Marie Callender's restaurant located at 9538 1st Avenue NE in Seattle.

2011 Meeting Programs:

- December 15, 2011 holiday meeting. Display topic: "Currency." This meeting also featured the annual holiday gift exchange.
- November 17, 2011 regular club meeting. Speaker: Heidi Wastweet, a local Seattle medallic sculptor and coin designer. Display topic: "Oh Canada – anything north of the border."
- October 20, 2011 regular club meeting. The display topic was "Odd and Curious – Anything unusual."
- Puyallup Fair - September 9-25, 2011 - The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.

SNS News Summary 2012

Meeting Location

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2012 Meeting Programs:

- December 20, 2012 club meeting. The display topic was “Tokens,” and this meeting also featured the club's annual potluck and gift exchange.
- November 15, 2012 club meeting. The display topic was “History—Items that depict historic people or events.” Alan Anderson, a member of the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, drove from Olympia to speak about death and estate planning for numismatists.
- October 18, 2012 club meeting. The display topic was “U.S. Numismatics.” Marc Duvall, in his continuing series on European history, spoke on “French Royalty” and the problems associated with their rule.
- September 20, 2012 club meeting. The display topic was “Paper - currency, documents or other?” Dave Schmidt spoke on “Norse American Medals.”
- Puyallup Fair - September 7-23, 2012 - The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- June 21, 2012 club meeting. The display topic was “Commemorative Issues.”
- May 17, 2012 club meeting. Scott Loos gave a follow-up to the slide show presented earlier on “Hellenistic Monarchies.” Many of the coins presented contained portraits of Egyptian Rulers. Other coins were from Syria, Cyprus and Syracuse. They all predated Christ. The display topic was “Tokens and Medals,” and there were several on-topic displays.
- April 19, 2012 club meeting. The speaker topic was “What is the Oldest Numismatic Item?” by Marc Duvall. The display topic was “In with the New—New or recent coin issues.”
- March 15, 2012 club meeting. The topic was “Out with the Old—Older coin issues, historical etc.”
- February 16, 2012 was the SNS Annual Club Banquet and Auction.
- January 26, 2012 club meeting (rescheduled due to weather conditions). This meeting featured the annual display runoff.

SNS News Summary 2013

Meeting Location

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2013 Meeting Programs:

- December 19, 2013 club meeting. This meeting featured the club's annual holiday party/potluck and gift exchange.
- November 21, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "U.S. Colonial Period," and the speaker was Buell Ish. Buell (and two co-authors) recently published a new reference work on Colonial New Jersey Coppers. He spoke to the club about the book and collecting colonials.
- October 17, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "Space (items depicting space related themes)," with Eric Holcomb giving a talk on "Remembering Neil Armstrong."
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair - September 6-22, 2013 - The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics — if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- September 19, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "Currency." Del Cushing spoke on "Mexican Currency" and how it paralleled the history of the country.
- Reported by SNS president Scott Loos (September 2013) - I hope everyone had a great summer! Now it is back to our regular monthly meetings. First off, my summer went well. I attended the ANA summer convention in Chicago, Ill. The attendance was moderate and the activity seemed to be down a bit from previous years.

All in all, it was a great showing for the Pacific Northwest: Larry Gaye from the Willamette Coin Club and PNNA received an ANA Presidential award and the ANA medal of Merit; Katie Reinders, also from PNNA and WCC, received ANA YN of the year as well as YN best in show exhibit. Her father, James, received the ANA Outstanding Adult Advisor. SNS' own Joe Boling received the ANA Exemplary Service Award.

We had our SNS barbeque in early August. Many thanks go out to Dennis Stevens for coordinating and hosting. The food was plentiful, the weather cooperative and the company delightful.

- June 20, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "Your Favorite Coin." Tom Sheehan spoke about "One thing leads to another." One of Tom's favorite numismatic pursuits is the collecting and study of The Panic Script of 1907. A book on this subject will be coming out soon.
- May 16, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "Topical collecting—Collecting by subject or theme." Scott brought in two programs and gave us a choice of learning more about Roman Coins or Medieval Coins. We chose the former and saw photos of coins from the Museum of Paris.
- April 18, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "Exonumia—Anything other than coins or paper money." Marc Duvall gave an informative talk about how to "Cherry Pick." At the conclusion, several members engaged in light-hearted banter with similar stories.
- March 21, 2013 club meeting. The display topic was "Out of Africa: Coins from the African Continent." As reported in the April newsletter, "The talk this evening was given by Bill McKivor, who had a variety of interesting historical items that covered a lot of ground, from 1762 to nearly the present day, many items that have obscure history that were considered quite interesting."
- February 21, 2013 SNS Annual Club Banquet and Auction.
- January 17, 2013 club meeting. This was the annual display runoff.

SNS News Summary 2014

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Memorial

The SNS regrets the deaths in 2014 of members **Al Schy** and **Gene Henry**. See the PNNA Memorial Page.

2014 Meeting Programs:

- December 18, 2014 club meeting. This was the annual holiday potluck and gift exchange.
- November 20, 2014 club meeting. The display topic was “Historical Buildings, Ships, or Bridges” and the speaker was Tim Culbert, with the topic of “World War I Allied Victory Medals.”
- October 16, 2014 club meeting. The display topic was “Minting Errors,” and the speaker was Mike Zagorin (from Olympia and Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Clubs). He spoke about “Viking Coins and their Conquest into England.”
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, September 5-21, 2014. See the PNNA website for more information about the Hobby Hall coin display. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- September 18, 2014 club meeting. The display topic was “Your favorite summer find,” and the speaker was Dick Billings on “German Porcelain Coins.”
- August 16, 2014 club BBQ in Edmonds, Washington. Flyers were emailed to club members. As reported in the newsletter, “Thanks to Tom and Dorothy Sheehan for hosting the annual summer BBQ. The weather was fantastic, the food was tasty and the company was delightful.”
- June 19, 2014 club meeting. The display topic was “The Wild Kingdom-Animals,” and Bill McKivor also gave an interesting talk.
- May 15, 2014 club meeting. The display topic was “Happy Mother's Day-Famous women on coins, currency or tokens.” Guest Todd Hughes, from the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, spoke on the topic of “Bitcoins (non-fiat, digital currency).”
- April 17, 2014 club meeting. The display topic was “What is it? Items that you have not been able to identify.” The speaker was Gene Henry, who detailed the evolution of Seattle coin clubs from 1936 to the present. Paul Fouts started Seattle's coin club movement in 1936 when he founded the Seattle Coin Club. Gene supplemented his talk with many photos, programs and news clippings from this 78 year period.
- March 20, 2014 club meeting. The program was “Short Snorters” by Tom Sparks, and the display topic was “In honor of St. Patrick – Anything Irish.”
- February 20, 2014. SNS Annual Club Banquet and Auction. The annual banquet and white elephant was held on 2/20 at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to all those that attended. A good time was had by all and many of the items had competitive bidding wars. Total receipts were \$305.25.
- January 16, 2014 club meeting. This was the annual display runoff. Members could also bring a display on “Your favorite acquisition of 2013.”

SNS News Summary 2015

Meeting Location

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2015 Meeting Programs:

- December 17, 2015 club meeting. This meeting featured the annual holiday party and gift exchange.
- November 19, 2015 club meeting. The speaker was Tim Culbert, and the display topic was "Currency."
- October 15, 2015 club meeting. The speaker was Mike Zagorin (from Olympia and Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Clubs), and the display topic was "Oh Canada—anything north of the border."
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, September 11-27, 2015. See the PNNA website for more information about the Hobby Hall coin display. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- September 17, 2015 club meeting. The display topic was "Your favorite summer find."
- June 18, 2015 club meeting. The display topic was "Proofs, Patterns and Specimens," and the speaker was Marc Duvall on "Battle of Waterloo (200th Anniversary) & the Pistrucci medal."
- May 21, 2015 club meeting. The display topic was "Memorial Day-Military Numismatics," and the speaker was Bernie Turner on the topic of "Shield Nickels."
- April 16, 2015 club meeting. The display topic was "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles," and the speaker was Steve Campau from the Renton Coin Shop. Steve gave a very informative talk on toning and the different kinds of toning and how they occur.
- March 19, 2015 club meeting. The display topic was "U.S. Colonial Period," and the speaker was George Moen, "The New Plastic Coinage of Transnistria."
- February 19, 2015. SNS Annual Club Banquet and White Elephant Auction. Thanks to all those who attended. See banquet page for report.
- January 15, 2015 club meeting. Congratulations to Greg Bennick, the winner of the annual display run-off. Members could also bring a display on "Your favorite acquisition of 2014." All voted display winners for 2014 were invited to bring back their winning displays for a final showdown. The winner receives bragging rights, a special prize at the February banquet as well as their name engraved on the C.C. Seaman SNS trophy. The speaker was Rick Schulz on the topic of "Irradiated Dimes."

SNS News Summary 2016

Meeting Location

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2016 Meeting Programs:

- **December 15, 2016 club meeting - cancelled.**
- November 17, 2016 club meeting. The speaker was Mike Zagorin, and the display topic was “Non-Circular Coinage.”
- October 20, 2016 club meeting. The speaker was Tim Culbert, talking about “Army WWI Victory Medals.” The most interesting was a medal awarded to General Babbitt, who had affiliation with the 91st Division at Ft. Lewis. He was the only brigade commander not to see combat throughout the war. The display topic was “Emergency Money.”
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, September 2-25, 2016, except closed on Tuesdays. See the PNNA website for more information about the Hobby Hall coin display. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics — if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- September 15, 2016 club meeting. Rick Schulz was the scheduled speaker. According to the meeting notes, “We all received a brief education about identifying foreign coins. We all passed!!” The display topic was “Your favorite summer find.”
- June 16, 2016 club meeting. The speaker was Tim Smith (Elemetal Direct, formerly NTR Metals, a commercial refiner in Tukwila), “Things to Look for Before Buying Precious Metals.” His facility melts gold, silver, platinum and palladium. He is seeing an abundance of stolen and fake items, including fake gold nuggets. The display topic was “Favorite numismatic book(s).”
- May 19, 2016 club meeting. The display topic was “Women in Numismatics.”
- April 21, 2016 special club meeting at Tukwila Community Center before the PNNA Convention. The speaker was Eric Holcomb, on “Olympic Participation Medals of the Summer Games.” The display topic was “Mexican Numismatics.”
- March 17, 2016 St. Patrick's Day club meeting! The speaker was Marc Duvall, on “The Easter Rising” (Irish Easter Rebellion of 1916). The display topic was “Canadian Numismatics.”
- February 18, 2016 SNS Annual Club Banquet and White Elephant Auction, at the Mandarin Buffet & Grill. Thanks to all those who attended. See banquet page for report.
- January 21, 2016 club meeting. The speaker was Mike Zagorin, and there was also the annual display run-off of monthly winners from 2015. (Mike also won the display run-off and received his prize at the February banquet.)

SNS News Summary 2017

Meeting Location

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2017 Meeting Programs:

- The December 21, 2017 club meeting topic was “Your choice. Bring what you want,” and the speaker was Rick Schulz. *There was no holiday party this year, due to low meeting turnouts.*
- The November 16, 2017 club meeting topic was “Holidays,” and the speaker was longtime club member Marc Duvall.
- The October 19, 2017 club meeting topic was “Despotic Leaders,” and the speaker was Mike Zagorin, who gave a very informative talk on “Forgotten Blue Books” by Whitman. He brought along over 60 varieties to show.
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, September 1-24, 2017, except closed on Tuesdays. See the PNNA website for more information about the Hobby Hall coin display. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- The September 21, 2017 club meeting topic was “Your favorite summer find.” In addition, guest speaker Kyle gave a very informative talk about \$2 banknotes, including an 1875 \$2 Columbian from the Nat'l Bank of Boston.
- The June 15, 2017 club meeting topic was to have been announced.
- May 18, 2017 club meeting. A representative from the Renton Police Dept. spoke regarding coin safety, both as a collector and a dealer. The display topic was “Flora and Fauna.”
- April 20, 2017 club meeting. The guest speaker was Ray Fiorini from the South Hill Coin Club, speaking about “Chuck E. Cheese Game Tokens.” The display topic was the National Coin Week theme of “Conflict and Courage: Money and the Military.”
- *Important note: The March meeting was moved to the Tukwila Community Center due to the PNNA convention, March 17-19, 2017.*
- March 16, 2017 club meeting. The guest speaker was Dan Duncan, owner of Pinnacle Rarities, and the display topic was “Lions and/or Lambs.”
- February 16, 2017 SNS Annual Club Banquet and White Elephant Auction, at the Mandarin Buffet & Grill. Thanks to all those who attended. See banquet page for report.
- January 18, 2017 club meeting. Congratulations to Dick Billings, the winner of the annual display runoff. He will be receiving his prize at the banquet. The speaker was Mike Zagorin, who gave a very informative lesson on propaganda notes from the First Gulf War. These notes were made in the United States to drop on Iraqi civilians and armies to intimidate or encourage them to surrender.

SNS News Summary 2018

Meeting Location

SNS meetings in 2018 were held in the social room of Queen Anne Manor (basement), 100 Crockett Street, (Queen Anne Hill), Seattle, WA at 7:15 PM on the 3rd Thursday of most months. As of 2018, there are no November-December meetings scheduled, and there is an off-site banquet each February.

2018 Meeting Programs:

- *No club meetings in November or December, beginning in 2018.*
- The October 18, 2018 program was given by Cathy Colcord-Moen, who spoke about her collection of coin jewelry.
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, August 31-September 23, 2018, except closed on Tuesdays. See the PNNA website for more information about the Hobby Hall coin display. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit in the Hobby Hall, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- The September 20, 2018 program has not been reported.
- The August 16, 2018 program was given by Marc Duvall.



- The July 19, 2018 monthly Table Talk topic was “The Sun.” Members were requested to show and tell something numismatically interesting, related to Ol’e Sol. *Photos above: British Conder token depicting the Sun on the reverse, and a Banbury merchant on the obverse.*
- The June 21, 2018 program was “Washington State Tax Tokens: History and Collecting” by Rick Schulz. The Table Topics theme was “tokens, any type, shape or usage.”
- The May 17, 2018 Table Topics theme was “Africa.”
- The April 19, 2018 Table Topics theme was the “Seattle Worlds Fair,” since the 21st of April marked 56 years since the Fair first opened in 1962.
- The March 15, 2018 club meeting program was “U.S. Trade Tokens” by Eric Holcomb. *This meeting was moved to the Tukwila Community Center due to the PNNA convention, March 16-18, 2018.*
- February 15, 2018 SNS Annual Club Banquet and White Elephant Auction, at the Mandarin Buffet & Grill. Thanks to all those who attended.
- The January 18, 2018 club meeting program was to have been announced at the meeting. Normally, the annual display runoff is held in January.

SNS News Summary 2019

Meeting Location

SNS meetings were previously held in the social room of Queen Anne Manor (basement), 100 Crockett Street, (Queen Anne Hill), Seattle, WA at 7:15 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of most months. (Note: new date is 2nd Thursday.) The meeting location changed beginning in February 2019, due to the difficulty of getting to Queen Anne in evening traffic.

SNS meetings in 2019 moved from Queen Anne Hill in Seattle to the Tukwila Community Center, at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. In addition, the club now meets every month of the year. See below for more details.

2019 Meeting Programs:

- The December 12, 2019 club meeting topic was “Foreign tokens.” Rick Schulz conducted another general discussion on coin shows.
- The November 14, 2019 club meeting topic was “Ships without sails.” There was also a general discussion on coin shows, led by Rick Schulz.
- The October 10, 2019 club meeting topic was “South America.” Rick Schulz discussed a variety of topics including the upcoming PNNA/WCC coin show in Portland, the recently completed Washington State Fair and the upcoming South Hill Coin Club show. He also gave an educational presentation on “Coin Club Membership Benefits.” A busy meeting for Rick!
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair. The PNNA was at the Fair this year from September 11-22, 2019 (except closed on Tuesdays), and the display was in the Pavilion. See the PNNA website for more information about the coin display. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- The September 12, 2019 club meeting topic was “Shipwreck coins, etc.” Business discussions included revenue generation, such as coin shows and membership dues; also community outreach programs such as flyers.
- The August 8, 2019 club meeting topic was “Fish.”
- The July 11, 2019 club meeting topic was “Flags,” and the club also began having auctions. Rick gave a discussion on collection security.
- The June 13, 2019 club meeting display topic was “Altered Coins.”
- The May 9, 2019 club meeting display topic was “Continents,” and the speaker was Rick Schulz, on a topic to have been announced.
- The April 11, 2019 club meeting program was not announced in advance.
- The March 14, 2019 club meeting program was “So-Called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions (including the 1905 Lewis & Clark and the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Expositions)” by Jeff Shevlin. This meeting was held at the Tukwila Community Center, the club's new meeting location, and the site of the PNNA convention, March 15-17, 2019.
- The February 28, 2019 program was Bill McKivor speaking on “The Town that had no idea where it was” (which sounded like one of Bill's usually rather interesting talks)!

- **2019 Meeting Programs continued:**
- **Board Meeting!** Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at Billy Baroo's restaurant at Foster's Golf Links, 13500 Interurban Ave. S., Tukwila WA. *Topic: the future and fate of the Seattle Numismatic Society. According to Rick, "As you may know, recently we held our first board meeting in a loooooong time. It was very productive and very encouraging because there are members that truly want to keep our club active and vital. Besides settling on a meeting location and date we also discussed more ways to get our brand out there into the numismatic community. We also discussed the need for a new newsletter editor and Bill McKivor stepped up to do the honors. At the time of the meeting Bill had some issues with his computer so he cautioned that it might be a month or so before he's up and running. Now it is our job to help Bill out by feeding him content for the newsletter. If you've ever thought about writing a short article about your collection or some other aspect of the hobby, now is the time. Let's all help Bill all we can."*
- The January 17, 2019 program was to have been announced.

SNS News Summary 2020

Meeting Location

SNS meetings in 2019 moved from Queen Anne Hill in Seattle to the Tukwila Community Center, at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. In addition, the club is now scheduled to meet every month of the year but was not able to meet for most of 2020. See below for more details.

March-December 2020 meetings cancelled! *The club meetings scheduled for March-December were cancelled due to the virus outbreak. We hope to meet again next year and will post a notice when it's possible to meet.*

2020 Meeting Programs:

- No club meetings have been held since February.
- The February 13, 2020 club meeting topic was "Presidents."
- The January 9, 2020 club meeting topic was "Islands." In addition, there was a "Secret Santa" gift exchange, held a month later than usual. Ten members participated by bringing wrapped gifts.

SNS News Summary 2021

All In-Person Meetings Cancelled Until Further Notice Due to COVID-19, except as noted. (Note that meetings at the Tukwila Community Center are still not possible as of the end of 2021.) The club's first virtual meeting via Zoom was held on March 11, 2021.

2021 Meeting Programs:

- December 9, 2021 in-person meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Angelo's Restaurant banquet room, 601 SW 153rd St, Burien, WA. Table topic: Weather. This was the club's first in-person meeting since Feb. 2020. The membership voted to continue meeting at Angelo's.
- November 11, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Military. Although there was no main speaker, several interesting items were shown.
- October 14, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Sports.
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair. The PNNA was at the Fair Hobby Hall for limited dates and times only in 2021. See the PNNA website Fair page for more information. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA's Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- September 9, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Fairs and Expositions. There was a brief presentation on HK medals pertaining to this topic.
- August 12, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Automobiles.
- July 8, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Trees.
- June 10, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Couples. Speaker topic: ANA Education Director Rod Gillis, giving his "Money Talks" presentation titled "Strategies to Dispose of Your Collection" (including especially donation options, and how the ANA can use your donation.) This talk is available as a video on the ANA website under Video Archives.
- May 13, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Mountains. Speaker topic: Rick Schulz, "How to take pictures with a cell phone and show them on Zoom."
- April 8, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Asia. Speaker topic: The Short Snorter Project released a book last year by Thomas J. Sparks titled "The Short Snorter Project - Still Keeping the Memories Alive - Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II." You can access the book for free on the Newman Numismatic Portal. (See page 2 for website references.) Tom covered the first half of the book in his talk during the SNS meeting. Thanks, Tom!
- March 11, 2021 via Zoom. Table topic: Flight. Speaker topic: "North Africa WWII silver certificates that lost their gold seals," by Joseph Boling. The meeting was very successful, and we thank Joe for sharing his knowledge about why some gold seal notes were altered to blue seals, and what to look for.
- No in-person club meetings were held from March 2020 to February 2021.

SCC News Summary 2022

Back to Seattle Coin Club!

The SNS has decided to resume using the name “Seattle Coin Club,” originally one of the two clubs which merged in 2003. This change will take effect in January 2023, 20 years after the SNS was formed.

Meeting Date & Location

The SNS resumed having in-person meetings in 2022, and returned to the Tukwila Community Center, still on the second Thursday of each month!

New meeting location: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA. The meeting time is now from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., due to staff shortages and early closing on most weeknights.

Previous meeting location (Dec. 2021 to Aug. 2022): Angelo’s Restaurant banquet room, 601 SW 153rd St, Burien, WA, on the second Thursday of each month, with meetings starting at 6:30 p.m.

2022 Meeting Programs:

- December 8, 2022 meeting. Held at the Tukwila Community Center. The table topic was War Time. Elections were held for 2023 club officers.
- November 10, 2022 meeting. Held at the Tukwila Community Center. The table topic was Politics/Political, and there were four displays from the six members and one guest in attendance. In addition, there was an election reminder: Nominations were announced, and the current Board was nominated for 2023. Elections will be held in December. Club Name Change: The club will return to the name Seattle Coin Club beginning in January.
- October 13, 2022 meeting. Held at the Tukwila Community Center. The table topic was Women. In addition, Rick discussed the turnout at the Washington State Fair and thanked all those who volunteered to staff the coin booth. Rick briefly discussed the PNNA fall coin show and how much fun it was!
- Washington State (Puyallup) Fair. The PNNA had a table in the Hobby Hall for the entire duration of the Fair again in 2022. See the PNNA website Fair page for more information. The PNNA sponsors the annual coin exhibit, with assistance from several local coin clubs including the SNS. No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics — if your question wasn’t answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert. The PNNA’s Hobby Hall coordinator is Rick Schulz.
- *The September 8, 2022 meeting was cancelled.*
- *All Jan-Aug 2022 meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Angelo’s Restaurant.*
- August 11, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Transportation. A board meeting was also held recently. Club members see the August newsletter for details.
- July 14, 2022 meeting. Table topic: The Sun.
- June 9, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Schools/Education.
- May 12, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Flowers. This meeting was reportedly “dinner only with conversation.”
- April 14, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Buildings.
- March 10, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Science.
- February 10, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Presidents. Speaker: Mike Zagorin, “Neck of a Fool and Head of an Ass.” Eight members and guests were in attendance.
- January 13, 2022 meeting. Table topic: Reptiles. Six members and guests were in attendance.

SCC News Summary 2023

Back to Seattle Coin Club!

The club resumed using the name "Seattle Coin Club" in January 2023, 20 years after the SNS was formed.

Meeting Date & Location

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New meeting location: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA. The meeting time is now from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., due to staff shortages and early closing on most weeknights.

The club returned to year-round meetings, effective November-December 2019. There may be an off-site banquet, usually each February (but not in 2019-2023).

2023 Meeting Programs:

- *We're pleased to report that every month this year featured (or features) an in-person meeting at the Tukwila Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*
- December 14, 2023 - The table topic was Religions. The educational program was "Thalers (or Talers)," the early German state coinage from which the word dollar is derived, by David E. In the 16th and 17th centuries, beautiful and ornate thalers dominated the silver currency of Germany.
- November 9, 2023 - The table topic was Sports, and there were seven displays. The educational program was Dan V. on "Civil War Coinage." Over the years Dan has become an authoritative expert on all things related to the Civil War so this was a very informative presentation.
- October 12, 2023 - The table topic was Aviation. The educational presentation was David H. on "Spanish Colonial Cobs: A Most Unlikely Collectible."
- September 14, 2023 - The table topic was Native Culture. The educational presentation was Ray Fiorini on "Goschenhoppen wooden nickels."
- August 10, 2023 - The table topic was Mountains. Both club President Rick Schulz and Treasurer Scott Loos were in Pittsburgh at the ANA World's Fair of Money. While they were away Dan Vornbrock filled in admirably, welcoming all of those in attendance including one guest.
- July 13, 2023 - The table topic was Reptiles. The meeting was lightly attended, only four members, each of whom had a table topic display. The displays included reptiles, for example the famous Mexican eagle/snake emblem on its coinage, but also new acquisitions such as an 1861 banknote from the Timber Cutter's Bank of Savanna, Georgia, recently acquired at an Olympia Coin Club auction.
- June 8, 2023 - The table topic was South America.
- May 11, 2023 - The table topic was Plants/Flowers, and the speaker was Bernus T. on "Misunderstood 1883/2 Shield Nickel." Special acknowledgements were given to David Edge for doing an excellent job creating our YouTube Channel and being the club's official videographer! And to Jeff Pritchard for speaking at the Central States Coin Show in Chicago, in conjunction with Newman Numismatic Portal Educational programming. His topic, "You Can't Take It With You," addressed estate and tax issues around collecting. The presentation is available on the NNP. (See page 2 for website references.)
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- **2023 Meeting Programs continued:**
- April 13, 2023 - The table topic was Aviation, and the guest speaker was Jeff Shevlin, "The So-Called Dollar Guy." For the past several years, Jeff has been writing new books on So-Called Dollars, that have expanded the knowledge base of this interesting niche of numismatics. This meeting was held the evening before the annual PNNA Convention, also at the Tukwila Community Center. Jeff was a dealer at the show, and customers could order his latest book. Jeff's presentation was recorded by David Edge: search for "Seattle Coin Club Presentation - Jeff Shevlin on So-Called Dollars" on YouTube.
- March 9, 2023 - Dan V. filled in for President Rick Schulz while he was in Arizona following the ANA National Money Show. Dan and dealer Scott L. spoke briefly about their experiences at the ANA show. The table topic was Ships. Speaker: Jeff P., about "Seated Liberty Quarters." An educational video was shown by David E.
- February 9, 2023 - The table topic was Couples. Speaker: David E., about "Disneyland Medallions." The club welcomed guests Dave H. and Joe V.
- January 12, 2023 - The table topic was Ocean Life. This was the first meeting after restoring the Seattle Coin Club name. See the group photo above. The club welcomed two guests: Steve I. and BSA scout Michael K., who came with Dan V. There were eight participants in the table topics.

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2024 Meeting Programs:

- *We're pleased to report that every month in 2024 featured an in-person meeting at the Tukwila Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*
- December 12, 2024 - The table topic was "Wheels," and the program was given by our videographer, David Edge, who gave a presentation on Mercury Dimes. While this is one of the most beautiful designs initiated during President Teddy Roosevelt's overhaul of the nation's coinage, numismatists know the portrait is intended to represent Liberty and freedom of thought, but the public's Mercury nickname stuck.
- November 14, 2024 - The table topic was "Mythical creatures," and the program was Dan Vornbrock, one of the club's more knowledgeable historians, discussing "Our Nation's Colonial Coinage," its influence on early monetary policies and practices, while displaying examples from his own collection. A great opportunity to learn about this fascinating area of numismatics!
- October 10, 2024 - The table topic was "Russia/Soviet Union" (was originally May topic) and, due to a last-minute schedule change, Jeff Pritchard presented "American Slavery and the Liberty Cap." This presentation provided a brief history of the well-known Liberty Cap, highlighting three vignettes in American history in which the Liberty Cap on our nation's coinage was particularly poignant and ironic in relation to slavery and emancipation. An intriguing and thought-provoking program.
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- **2024 Meeting Programs continued:**

- September 12, 2024 - The table topic was "Buildings," and the program was given by our intrepid newsletter publisher, Ray Fiorini, who shared details of completing his "Coin-of-every-Country" quest. (Also see the newsletter if you're a club member.) Ray explained his motivation, self-imposed guidelines, some of the more challenging pieces, and amazed us with his geographic prowess!
- August 8, 2024 - The table topic was "Dogs and Cats," and the program was given by Faiz Kass-Elias, a local dealer and collector, on "Collecting Ancients 101." This was a great follow-up to our June program, as Faiz explained how to start collecting ancients, pros and cons, how to purchase wisely, what to avoid, storage considerations, and what he sees for ancient numismatics going forward.
- July 11, 2024 - The table topic was "Warriors," and the program featured your dutiful Education Chairman (Pritchard) sharing his recent behind-the-scenes visit to the Smithsonian's National Numismatic Collection in Washington, D.C. He explained how to arrange a private viewing and examination of any of the collection's staggering 1.6 million coins, medals, or paper currency. If you're planning a future trip to the greater D.C. area, you didn't want to miss this program!
- June 13, 2024 - The table topic was "Heavenly Bodies," and the program was given by Dan Gossett of the Boeing Employees Coin Club (BECC), who enlightened us about "Greek Mythology through Ancient Coinage." Ancients are one of the most historical, yet affordable, areas of numismatics, so this should have been a fascinating program.
- May 9, 2024 - The updated table topic was "Error Coins," and for the program, Greg Bennick presented "Collecting Error Coinage." Greg is a board member of CONECA (Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America), has written many articles for *Errorscope* Magazine, and in 2023 hosted and produced eight podcast interviews with prominent numismatists for the Newman Numismatic Portal. To top it off, Greg is a highly accomplished speaker, having participated as a TEDx presenter.
- April 11, 2024 - This was the evening before the PNNA Convention. There were 16 members and 5 guests in attendance. The table topic was "Non-motorized watercraft." For the program, Mike Zagorin, our modest "cookie baker," shared his large collection of unique Iraqi error banknotes from Saddam Hussein's reign, along with some personal reflections on how he began collecting the notes, which began after his military service in the whirlwind of Desert Storm.
- March 14, 2024 - The table topic was Seattle. For the educational program, John L. discussed the surprising history of coins minted in the United States for foreign countries. During overseas wars, revolutions, or financial crises, America has served as The Mint of Last Resort, for the likes of Belgium, Nationalist China, Mexico, Philippines, Liberia, and Congo. John shared the stories, how to identify foreign coins minted in the U.S., and the political intrigue surrounding the highly controversial Saudi Arabia gold coins.
- February 8, 2024 - The table topic was Presidents. For the educational program, Scott Loos talked about his personal experiences in becoming a rare coin dealer. Why and how he made the transition from collector, shows he attends, biggest challenges, specialty areas, and how he's made coins a family affair. A revealing behind-the-scenes look at the numismatic marketplace.
- January 11, 2024 - The table topic was Ships. For the educational program, David E. graciously agreed to return to the podium to educate us about "Financing the American Revolution." David has direct family ties to Betsy Ross, so this promised to be a fascinating presentation!

SCC News Summary 2025

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2025 Meeting Programs:

- We're pleased to report that every month in 2025 (except the off-site banquet) featured an in-person meeting at the Tukwila Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- December 11, 2025 - The table topic was "Water," and the program was the annual Holiday Party. We had a holiday-themed coins show & tell, a numismatic white elephant gift exchange (\$20 limit), a special raffle, and more. A fun evening of fellowship to get everyone into the holiday spirit.
- November 13, 2025 - The table topic was "Edge Details," and the program was given by Greg Bennick, who returned to explain the intriguing world of counterstamps. As the equivalent of tiny billboards, these coins open windows into remarkable stories behind merchants, vendors, and hucksters. (i.e. professional lemon squeezers??) A high-energy, entertaining presentation!
- October 9, 2025 - The table topic was "Unusual Shapes," and the program was Rick Schultz explaining the forgotten era of Tax Tokens. These fractional-cent devices were used in Washington State, among others, during the 1930s through the 1950s to enforce the payment of sales tax on small purchases. Rick's collection, and his knowledge of the tokens, are second to none!
- September 11, 2025 - The table topic was "Unusual Materials," and the program was given by Dan Vornbrock, who discussed "Pre-Federal Coinage." The presentation highlighted coins circulating in the U.S. between our Independence in 1776, and the establishment of our first mint in 1792. In addition to foreign coins still circulating (Spanish, British & Portuguese) this period includes a wide variety of state-issued coins and private tokens. A fascinating period in our economic history.
- August 14, 2025 - The table topic was "Clothes," and the program was given by Jeff Pritchard, who discussed the 1909 Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, the Klondike gold rush upon which it was based, and the many So-Called Dollars from the Exposition. An intriguing look at the region's early history, the colorful characters involved, and the event that "put Seattle on the map!"
- July 10, 2025 - the table topic was "Hair," and the program was given by David Hunzicker, who discussed "Assembling a U.S. Type Set." Dave explored the origins of his interest in assembling a U.S. type set, the choices made along the way that sculpted the set into its current form, and some thoughts on future expansion that compliment and extend his collection. An excellent presentation as so many numismatists endeavor to build a full or partial type set!
- June 12, 2025 - the table Topic was "Flags," and the program was given by Erik Jansen, current ANA Treasurer and former member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC), who provided an in-depth look at the coin production process. From Congressional approval to design and engraving, to modern production challenges, Erik will share "how the sausage gets made." This promises to be a fascinating look behind-the-scenes at the U.S. Mint.
- May 8, 2025 - The table topic was "Trees," and the program was given by Faiz Kass-Elias, who returned to the SCC with an overview of "Roman Provincial Coinage." Faiz is a highly respected local dealer and collector in ancients with an enjoyable "fireside chat" manner of presenting. It was a great opportunity to learn about the coinage and history of the Roman Empire.
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- **2025 Meeting Programs continued:**

- April 10, 2025 - The table topic was "Landscapes," and the program (revised) was given by nationally recognized Conder Token authority Brian Herriott, who joined us the night before the PNNA Convention, at the same location.
- March 13, 2025 - Instead of our usual March meeting, we came together at Angelo's Restaurant, 601 SW 153rd St., Burien WA, 98166. In addition to great Italian cuisine and numismatic fellowship, we held a white elephant auction to raise money for the club treasury.
- February 13, 2025 - The table topic was "Extra Large," and the program was "Hudson's Bay Beaver Tokens." Dan Vornbrock provided an overview of these little-known tokens. Beaver tokens were the unit of currency used in early fur trading. Trappers received a full token for each beaver pelt and would subsequently use the tokens for supplies or merchandise at company stores. An intriguing part of frontier history.
- January 9, 2025 - The table topic was "Tiny," and the program was given by Mike Zagorin, who began collecting early hammered British coinage back in the 1960s. After decades of accumulating a remarkable collection, this past summer Mike consigned the coins to Heritage Auctions for liquidation. Mike shared his journey from painstakingly acquiring the collection, his negotiations with Heritage, their promotion of his sale, and their liquidation process. A fascinating look inside the auction world!