



Council Area Shows

2024 Shows

WESTPEX

SF Airport Marriott Waterfront

April 26-28, 2024

<http://www.westpex.com>

SOPEX

Medford First Methodist Church

Medford, OR

June 7-8, 2024

Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

National Bowling Stadium Hall of Fame Museum

Reno, NV

July 27-28, 2024

WINEPEX

October 4-6, 2024

2115 Alameda Del Prado, Novato, CA

<http://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/>

East Bay Collectors Club Show

October 19-20, 2024

1375 Civic Center Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

<https://www.eastbaystampclub.com>

SACAPEX

Date and Location TBA

<http://sacramentostampclub.org/events/sacapex/>

Filatellic Fiesta

November 9-10, 2024

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA

<http://www.filatellicfiesta.org>

PENPEX

December 7-8, 2024

1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA

<http://penpex.org>

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The Council Courier is published four times a year by the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS). CNCPS currently has 24 member clubs in Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Nevada. The Council promotes local philately through support for clubs through the Speakers' Bureau for club programs, exchange of membership recruiting and retention ideas through the Council Courier, and support for stamp shows.

Next CNCPS meeting will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024, 4pm at WESTPEX in Burlingame. We strongly encourage each member organization to send a representative to this meeting.

Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2023

(Minutes recorded by Tom Hayes in the absence of Secretary Robert Pope)

The meeting was called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 4:01 pm.

Roll Call: Present were Kristin Patterson, Tom Hayes, Brian Jones, and via ZOOM Nigel Moriarty.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those in attendance.

Treasurer's report, Nigel

Expenses- The Chaloner Award. We no longer have the expense of frame storage.

There are 16 outstanding dues invoices.

Current balance: \$4225.26

Council Courier—Tom announced that the next issue will be released in the first week of January.

Western Philatelic Library—No report. Kristin noted that the floor was recently resurfaced.

Web page—Robert is to contact Go Daddy.

Old business

Report on distribution of frames—All frames have been distributed and storage boxes and Pod are gone as well. San Jose club has frames in storage and are available to borrow.

San Jose-Pájaro event was held in Watsonville. Brian intends to follow up with another such interclub event in San Jose in the near future.

East Bay Collectors Club show – The show was successful and made money this year.

New business

Brian Jones wants discussions on how to get more people to attend club meetings.

Next meeting of the Council will be at WESTPEX, Saturday, April 27, 2024, 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hayes

Around the Council

Redwood Empire Collectors Club – RECC held a holiday party and brunch on December 10. See their report on page 9. The club's website is:

<http://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/about.html>

Fremont Stamp Club – Fremont Stamp Club held its annual Holiday Potluck on December 14 at the Fremont Community Activities Center, 3375 Country Way, Fremont. They recently added two new members including one who lives in India and has family in Fremont.



FSC President Tom Hayes(right) greets new member Niel Estrada at the Fremont Stamp Club's Holiday Party.

Alameda Stamp Club – After an election of new officers in November the new officers were installed at the December Christmas dinner held at Pier 29 in Alameda.

Western Philatelic Library – The Western Philatelic Library is located at 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City, California and is staffed entirely by volunteers, known as the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library (FWPL).

Golden Gate Stamp Club – Golden Gate Stamp Club meets on first and third Mondays of every month, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, at the Taraval Police Station Community Room (2345 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA). Each meeting includes philatelic updates, show-and-tell, and an exchange session. <https://goldengatestampclub.wixsite.com/home>.

East Bay Collectors Club – Our club had its annual show on October 21 and 22. 15 dealers participated, and generally found that business was satisfactory. Although we've had to discontinue competitive exhibiting, four club members, Randy Tuuri, Gun Landwehr, Susan Johnson, and Pete Barnett put together an educational display highlighting kinds of stamps and postal history, ways to collect, and personal stories of how people became involved in collecting. Pete also talked to visitors at the display to help them understand what they were seeing. We also received some donated material and helped people inquiring about material they had brought. We actually ended the show with a positive balance, and we have reserved the venue for our 2024 show, which will be October 19-20.

We continue to have a Zoom meeting and an in-person gathering each month, featuring short presentations, auctions, and a drawing. For the latest information about our meetings and other activities, visit our website, www.eastbaystampclub.com.

Harry Henderson, President.

San Jose Stamp Club – The San Jose Stamp Club owns a number of exhibit frames and pays a considerable amount to store them, even though they have no current use for the frames, as their show is now a bourse without exhibits. They are exploring their options regarding the future of these frames. Boston 2026 has expressed an interest, and the club has contacted WESTPEX to see if there might be an interest.

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Nevada Stamp Study Society – NSSS held a Christmas Holiday Party on December 9 at the clubhouse at Silverada Estates in Reno.



Nevada Stamp Study Society President James Steckley and Santa.



Junior member Donovan with his dad.



John Walter with Santa



Nadiah Beekum places a gift on the table.

More photos here: https://renostamp.org/holiday_party2023.html

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Contact Brian at: sanjosestampclub@gmail.com.

Sequoia Stamp Club – Club officers for 2024 were elected in December and will be installed at the first meeting in January. SSC meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month. The second Tuesday is a hybrid meeting in person and on Zoom. The fourth Tuesday is in person only. The club held a holiday party on December 12. An interesting program that Sequoia has each January is called Past Presidents Present, where former club presidents are given the floor to speak on topics of their choice.

SSC calendar: <https://www.penpex.org/calendar-2/>



Junior member Goyo helped serve cake and draw raffle prize winners.

PENPEX – See the report on pages 6-8.

President's Message



Happy New Year.

As Northern California Philatelic Stamp Shows are on a hiatus for the winter, I am going to keep this letter short. But the year 2024 has many great shows coming once we get into the 2nd Quarter. So, everyone has the next 3 months to update their "want lists" and organize their albums.

I hope the CNCPS clubs are prospering and enjoying the company of fellow collectors.

The Council's next meeting will be at WESTPEX on Saturday, April 27 at 4 pm.

Have a wonderful winter.

Kristin Patterson, CNCPS President

From the Editor



I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Thank you to the clubs that provided photos and information for this issue. If you'd like to be featured here, please add me to your club's distribution list.

Tom Hayes, Council Courier Editor

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PENPEX 2023

PENPEX 2023 was rated a big success by many who attended, including exhibitors, volunteers, dealers, and attendees. Despite two dealers having to cancel at the last minute for health reasons, the bourse was busy, with deals being made at a brisk pace. A popular feature at PENPEX is the Flea Market, held in a separate room from the bourse, where stamps, covers, albums, catalogs, and box lots can be had at bargain prices.

This was the 50th PENPEX show, the first going back to 1951, and annually since 1983. Exhibition Chair Kristin Patterson assembled a dedicated crew to put on this show. Without the help of the volunteers, shows such as this would not be possible.

PENPEX holds a silent auction each year, and this year featured nearly 500 lots! Viewing took place on both Saturday and Sunday, with bidding concluding at 2:30 on Sunday. The auction crew was very efficient, and buyers were able to pick up their lots by 4 pm.

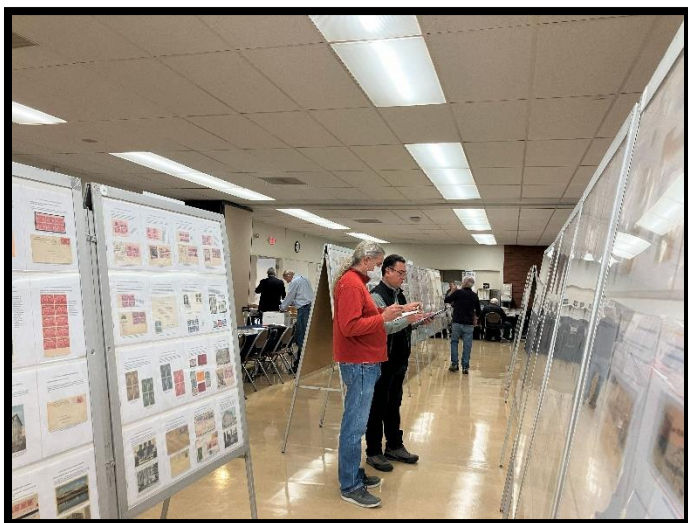
This year's exhibits comprised 50 frames, with exhibitors from the Bay Area, Sacramento, Reno, Nevada, and Medford, Oregon. The Grand Prize went to Robert Pope for his "Overprints of Mexico's Hidalgo 5¢ War Issue" exhibit. See the following page for a complete list of awards.



PENPEX Youth area.



Exhibition Chair Kristin Patterson presents a certificate to Reserve Grand Multi-frame winner and first-time exhibitor Vivek Chopra.



PENPEX judges Nigel Moriarty and Henry Marquez evaluating the exhibits.



The awards dinner at Harry's Hofbrau.

PENPEX Palmares

December 2, 2023

PENPEX Grand Award

Robert Pope Overprints of Mexico's Hidalgo 5¢ War Issue

PENPEX Reserve Grand Award - Multi-Frame Exhibit

Vivek Chopra Stamps and Postal History of Princely State of Hyderabad, India
(1869-1950)

PENPEX Reserve Grand Award - Single Frame Exhibit

Clyde Homen The Portuguese Nyassa Company Postal Stationery

MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

Gold

Vivek Chopra Stamps and Postal History of Princely State of Hyderabad, India
(1869-1950)

Larry Crain US Postal Cards to Foreign Destinations, 1873-1950

Vermeil

Ed Rosen Mobile Post Offices of Israel

Silver

Ed Rosen Stamp Collecting in the Holy Land-Ottoman Empire to 1957

Reniel Estrada US Philatelic Exhibitions of 1913, 1926 and 1936

Ed Rosen Airmail Services to Palestine/Israel During the Transition Period, March-August
1948

Ed Rosen Shanghai 1939-1947, Port of Last Resort

Bronze

Jeanne Paquin Legends of Hollywood

SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

Gold

Robert Pope Overprints of Mexico's Hidalgo 5¢ War Issue

Clyde Homen The Portuguese Nyassa Company Postal Stationery

Vermeil

John Kuhlenkamp	Postcards from the Clouds: The Mt. Lowe Railroad
Stewart Chang	Train Mail Interrupted
Larry Crain	The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Haps and Mishaps in Handling the Mail
Robert Brilliant	Plate Proofs of Classic US Stamps Issued in the 19th Century.

Silver

Donovan Sehr	All About Mongolia
Nancy Swan	Wings Over Medford
Betsy Vallejo	Foxes in Nature and World Culture
John Kofranek	Mail Transportation in Humboldt County, California from 1900-1915

Silver Bronze

Stewart Chang	Trains of the USSR
Shav LaVigne	Christmas and New Year Greetings From California

Bronze

Stewart Chang	Owney the Dog
Miriam Santoriello Thurston	Angels

SPONSORED AWARDS**American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Silver Award of Honor**

Stewart Chang	Train Mail Interrupted
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American Philatelic Society - Best Member Exhibit

Robert Pope	Overprints of Mexico's Hidalgo 5¢ War Issue
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Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

Reniel Estrada	US Philatelic Exhibitions of 1913, 1926 and 1936
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American Topical Association - Best Youth Exhibit

Donovan Sehr	All About Mongolia
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Ed Bierman Memorial Best Postcard Exhibit Award

John Kuhlenkamp	Postcards from the Clouds: The Mt. Lowe Railroad
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Best Exhibit by a Member of the Sequoia Stamp Club

Vivek Chopra (1869-1950)	Stamps and Postal History of Princely State of Hyderabad, India
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PENPEX Jury Members:

Nigel Moriarty, Jury Chairman
Henry Marquez, Judge

RECC Holiday Party

RECC members gathered for a Holiday Party and brunch on December 10th at Café Bellini in Petaluma. The tables were aglitter with Holiday decorations and Holiday stamps scattered about.



Our guests of honor were Scott English CEO of American Philatelic Society and Thomas Uram President of the American Numismatic Association who traveled across the country to be with us. We thank Stan Turrini for inviting and arranging for Scott and Thomas to be at our meeting.

Scott spoke for a short time before we ate. He said that many stamp clubs are struggling to stay alive and to remain relevant to stamp collectors. Scott joined RECC and is a member of 96 clubs nationwide. Scott made several points:

- Adapt.
- Always be available.
- Keep website current. He recognized Victor Ivashin for doing a great job with our website.
- Have fun!
- Be social.
- Do not be restrictive about membership rules and bylaws.
- Welcome collectors of all kinds to your club. Club approval of new members tends to be counterproductive.
- Consider ZOOM meetings.
- There is a mindset in collecting. Collectors know a lot about their collections and have a lot of knowledge to share. They continually seek out more information about their collection. They

acquire, clubs should provide opportunities for members to collect.

Tom Uram greeted us in his red sports jacket and candy cane corduroy slacks. He said that the Numismatic Association and APS are partnering to encourage stamp and coin collectors to collaborate. Both organizations have published joint new articles in each other's monthly magazines. He gave us all ANA coasters.

Special thanks to Allan Thomas, a fine musician for more than 45 years and RECC Club member, who played joyous Holiday tunes on his keyboard. His music added to our Holiday spirits.



Sharon Oman provided us with fruit and Holiday cookies for dessert. A good time was had by all!

Written by Sharon Oman, Club Co-President. Photos by Lloyd Chan