



Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies

Council Courier



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FILATELIC FIESTA TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20-22

The 2006 Filatelic Fiesta is coming to San Jose Civic Auditorium. The show dates are:

October 20-22 2006

San Jose Civic Auditorium
135 W. San Carlos Ave, San Jose, CA

Show hours are Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A copy of the Prospectus for exhibitors is on page 7-8 of this issue. For detailed information on the show, please visit the Filatelic Fiesta website at:

<http://filatelicfiesta.org/>

Or contact Jim Sauer at 408-445-2694
(hjamessauer@yahoo.com)

EAST BAY COLLECTORS CLUB SHOW TO BE HELD OCTOBER 28-29

The East Bay Collectors Club presents its 61st annual show:

October 28-29 2006
Civic Center Assembly Hall
1375 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek

See the show flyer on page 2.

SACAPEX 2006 TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4-5

Sacramento Philatelic Society presents SACAPEX 2006:

November 4-5

Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St. at
Carlson Dr., Sacramento

For detailed information, visit the Sacramento Philatelic Society website at:

<http://www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org>

Or, contact Jim Stewart (perforation@frontiernet.net; 916-686-3246)

CNCPS MEETING AT SACAPEX

The Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies will meet at SACAPEX at:

1:30 PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

PENPEX 2006 TO BE HELD DECEMBER 2-3

The Sequoia Stamp Club and the Peninsula Stamp Club present PENPEX 2006:

December 2-3, 2006
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061

For more information see the PENPEX website at:

<http://www.penpex.org>

Or contact Hank Washauer, (hankwashauer@yahoo.com; 650-593-7012.).

Also, see the PENPEX entry form, page 3.

SUNPEX 2006 TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 11-12

The Sunnyvale Society presents:

SUNPEX 2006:

November 11-12, 2006

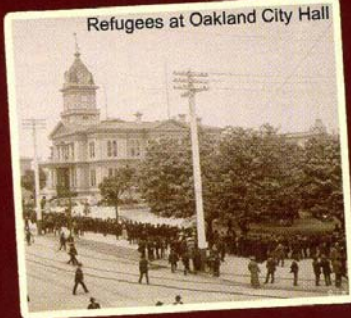
Sunnyvale Community Center
550 Remington Dr.
Sunnyvale, CA

For more information, see the Sunnyvale Stamp Society website at:

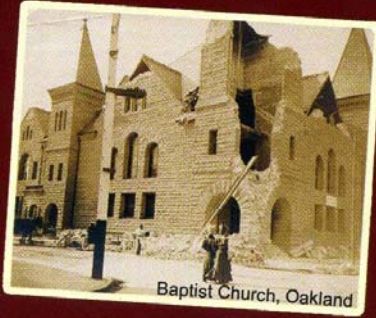
<http://www.fwpl.org/ss.htm>

Or, contact Jack Brady (jackbrady@comcast.net; 408-298-2297).

IT WAS AN EAST BAY EARTHQUAKE, TOO.



Refugees at Oakland City Hall




Baptist Church, Oakland

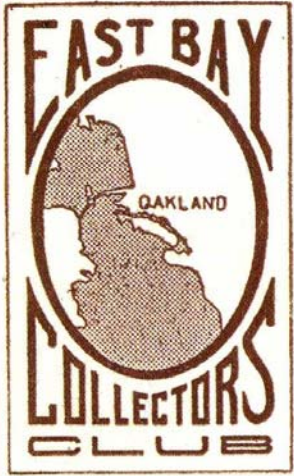


Tent City, Oakland

"This morning at 5:14:48 o'clock an earthquake shock was experienced in Oakland and a number of other California cities."
Oakland Tribune, Wednesday, April 18, 1906



"Free" Earthquake Letter
TO BE DELIVERED FREE. LPOOL 10/18/46
Miss Ogilvie
The Home Farm
Warham
Borham
Sussex
ENGLAND
FRAM
APR 23
5:30 PM
OAKLAND
CALIF.



**EAST BAY
COLLECTORS
CLUB**

Help us commemorate this event at our
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Civic Center Assembly Hall, Walnut Creek

PENPEX '06

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Redwood City, CA

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Club Affiliation: () Peninsula () Sequoia Other _____

Society Affiliation: () APS () ATA () AAPE Other _____

Exhibit Category: (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) First Time Exhibitor: (Yes) (No)

Youth Exhibitor: (Yes) (No)

Number of Pages: ____ Size of Pages: _____ Number of Frames Requested: ____

Exhibit Title: _____

Brief Description of Exhibit: _____

This exhibit has won these awards in the following shows:

I apply to enter my exhibit in PENPEX '06 according to the rules and regulations which I have read.
Signed _____

Youth exhibitor's age _____

Parent's Signature _____

Mail by November 1, 2006 to: Vesma Grinfelds, Exhibits Committee Chairman
3800 - 21st Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
dzvesma@sprintmail.com
(do not write below this line)

Exhibit mounted by: _____

Exhibit dismounted by: _____

PENPEX '06

Prospectus - Rules and Regulations

GENERAL INFORMATION: The PENPEX Stamp Exhibition is planned and organized by members of the Sequoia and Peninsula Stamp Clubs and the Redwood City Recreation Department. The PENPEX Committee and the clubs, their members, the city and its employees assume no liabilities. Owners of exhibits must provide their own insurance. Reasonable precautions, including providing an overnight guard, will be taken. The show will take place on December 2 - 3, 2006, at the Redwood City Community Center, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City.

ELIGIBILITY: Exhibiting is open to all philatelists.

ENTRY: All exhibits must be entered on an official entry form. The Exhibiting Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry. Exhibiting Committee may reassign exhibiting category. Any exhibit that has been given an award at a previous PENPEX must show considerable changes. Any exhibit having received a gold medal at an APS National show is ineligible. Exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. There are *no entry fees*. Title pages for categories A - D should be submitted with entry form. Closing date for entries is November 1, 2006 OR when all frames are filled.

EXHIBIT CATEGORIES: There will be five categories of exhibits.

A. Multi-frame exhibits – 8 frame maximum.
One-frame exhibits

C. Youth exhibits – 5 frame maximum. (Exhibitor must be under 18 as of 12/6/06). The exhibit must be his or her own work.

D. Display philately or postcard exhibit – 8 frame maximum. A display of philatelic and supporting collateral material or a postcard exhibit.

The next category is open to Peninsula and Sequoia Stamp Club Members ONLY:

E. "E" Philately – 4 page maximum. The letter "E" has been randomly selected as a theme for a 4 page "fun" exhibit. Be creative – the exhibit needs to pertain to this year's selected letter. Please include a descriptive paragraph as to how your subject relates to this year's theme.

Non-Competitive exhibits will be accepted only if space is available.

FRAMES: Exhibit frames will hold 12 pages, 8 ½ x 11, four per row in three horizontal rows. Larger size pages need Exhibit Committee's approval.

JUDGING AND AWARDS: Judging will be by a three judge Council-approved jury. All exhibits will be judged on their own merit. There will be one grand award. Reserve grand awards will be presented in each of the following categories: A, B, C, and D. Gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze, and bronze awards will be decided by the jury. There will also be national society awards and a novice award. Decisions of the judges will be final. The "E" Philately category will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards. As there is no entry fee, certificates, suitable for framing, will be awarded in presentation folders.

DELIVERY AND PICK-UP: Exhibits must be brought to the show, mounted, dismounted, and removed from the show by either the exhibitor or the exhibitor's agent. PENPEX committee members will be available to offer assistance. Arrangements for mail-in exhibits, if necessary, can be made. Exhibits may be mounted Friday evening, December 1, between 7 - 9:00 PM *or* Saturday, December 2, between 8 - 9:30 AM. Exhibits may not be dismounted prior to dealer move-out. Exhibits must be removed by 7:30 PM Sunday, December 3, 2006. Mail-in exhibits will be accepted. Further information and arrangements are available from the Exhibits Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: All entry application will be acknowledged in writing or e-mail.

ACCEPTANCE OF RULES: Signing the entry form denotes acceptance of PENPEX show rules and regula-

WINEPEX 2006 PALMARES

The 2006 WINEPEX show, which was held on October 6-8 at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael was great fun for all. Of course, none of the participants got tipsy on the great wine that was provided. The exhibits were top-notch. Here is a list of the Palmares awards.

GRAND AWARD

Tasmania Registered Postal Stationery

David McNamee

GOLD RIBBONS

- SCADTA Postal Stationery
- The 'Post Obitum' Official Seal of 1877
- Tasmania Government Departments Registered Official Stationery 1893-1913
- Tasmania Registered Postal Stationery
- The Poezd and Pochta Marks of the Little Railway of St. Petersburg
- The First Issue of Latvia: Stamps Printed on Maps
- Bosnia and Herzegovina Tobacco Tax Paid Revenues

Jerry Kasper
Wm. P. Barlow, Jr.
David McNamee
David McNamee
Edward Laveroni
Vesma Grinfelds
Jim Busse

VERMEIL RIBBONS

- Postage Due – Explained with Naval Covers
- The Tragedy of the USS Maine and John Matza
- The One-Cent Stamps of the 1897 Newfoundland Royal Family Issue
- Autumn Colors: The Transformation of the Alphabet III Penny Stars
- Registered Mail – Petaluma 1879-1937
- The Numerical Cancels of the First Nine City Post Branches of St. Petersburg,
• Russia
- Ethiopia: The Obelisk Issue of 1943
- Service in the U.S. Naval Armed Guard, 1942-1945
- 80 Centavos Presidente of Chile and Its 60 Centavos Forerunner

Paul A. Helman
Robert D. Rawlins
Norris Dyer
Timothy B. Burgess
Donald O. Scott

George V. Shalimoff
Daryl Reiber
Steve Shay
William H. Lenarz

SILVER RIBBONS

- Angel Island
- Type 3 Trident Overprints of Kharkov, Ukraine 1918-1920
- No Postage Available
- Sonoma Ghosts

Dennis Hassler
Michael MacKenzie
Robert D. Rawlins
Richard Papp

CLUB RIBBONS

1. Autumn Colors: The Transformation of the Alphabet III Penny Stars
2. The One-Cent Stamps of the 1897 Newfoundland Royal Family Issue
3. Registered Mail – Petaluma 1879-1937

Timothy B. Burgess
Norris Dyer
Donald O. Scott

Judges were: Timothy Bartshe, an accredited APS judge and Jerry Rodgers, a Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies judge.

There are five level ribbons awarded to all exhibits, Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. There is a Grand Award for the Best Exhibit of the show as determined by the judges. There are One, Two Three ribbons awarded to exhibits of the members of the Redwood Empire Collectors Club.

FEATURED CLUB — SAGINAW CHAPTER OF THE UNIVERSAL SHIP CANCELLATION SOCIETY

By Steve Shay

The story of the Saginaw Chapter cannot be told without telling the history of the society the chapter belongs to—the Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS). The USCS is an organization for collectors of naval and maritime covers. The USCS was founded in 1932, and will celebrate its 75th birthday in 2007. The society was formed by a group of collectors at a time when cachets on covers were becoming popular, and combined an interest in naval postmarks from United States Navy ships with attractive cachets.

Today the USCS has approximately 1400 members in 18 different countries. The society supports the hobby and serves the membership with an excellent monthly journal, monthly members only auctions, and a members only sales circuit. The USCS became an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society, affiliate number 98, in 1980. The USCS holds annual conventions for its members.

The society encourages collectors to form local chapters that provide a forum for members to meet together. The society currently has 22 chapters around the world.

The USS Saginaw Chapter was formed November 17, 1963 by a group of 14 collectors from the Bay Area. Among the founders were Ray Costa, Jack Howland, Hugh Blackard, Don McPherson, Glen Buis, and Walt Hanson. The chapter was formed in Vallejo.

USCS chapters are normally named for a naval ship; because the Mare Island Naval Shipyard is located in Vallejo and some of the chapter members were employed there, it was natural to name the chapter after the first US Navy ship built at Mare Island, the steamer USS Saginaw, which was launched in 1859. During the 43 years the chapter has existed, the chapter has met monthly, usually in Vallejo. The chapter has sponsored over 180 covers during this time, which usually marked the launch or commissioning of a ship at Mare Island, Fleet Week, or anniversaries of various ships or naval events. The chapter was one of the first to prepare computer-generated and printed cachets.

Over the years, there have been over 200 members of the chapter, and there are currently 27 active members. Most of the members live in Northern California, from San Jose to Healdsburg, from Pollock Pines to Bolinas, although some members live in other states. The chapter has always supported the USCS; one of the founding members, Ray Costa, was president of the society in 1967.

Saginaw Chapter (continued)

Saginaw Chapter member Paul Helman is the current USCS President, and other members have served as society directors or officers for many years. The chapter hosted or cohosted the society conventions in 1967 (WESTPEX), 1971 (NORBAPEX), 1984 (Reno), 1991 (Sacramento), and again, at WESTPEX in 2003.

The chapter currently meets monthly in Vallejo. Meetings include a discussion of past and new business, and normally have a program put on by one of the members. Most of the members also currently collect or have collected stamps and share other interests, so the programs are not always related to naval cover or ships. Recent programs have included talks about World War II rationing stamps and coupons, railway post offices, the life of a sailor aboard the USS Maine, and cachets drawn by Martin Aden.

The chapter publishes a monthly newsletter. For many years the USS Saginaw Chapter has held a joint Christmas luncheon with the USS Sacramento Chapter. As with other stamp clubs, the chapter is more than a place to discuss stamps or covers—it is a place for friendship and sharing stories.

To learn more about the USCS, visit www.uscs.org.

You can also obtain Information about the USS Saginaw Chapter from Steve Shay, 747 Shard Ct, Fremont CA 94539.

HANK WASHAUER REPORTS ON HIS PROGRESS AS COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN

From the Communications Chairman
Hank Washauer
October 2006

We are making progress in communication between the member clubs, with the aim of informing delegates to the Council about what is going on in the Council through the *Council Courier*, and through their local club newsletters, informing nondelegates.

So far I have received communications from the following clubs:

- Alameda Stamp Club
- California Collectors Club
- California Revenuers Club
- Collectors Club of San Francisco
- Diablo Valley Stamp Club
- Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club
- Fremont Stamp Club
- Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
- Nevada Stamp Society
- Peninsula Stamp Club
- Redding Stamp Club
- Roseville Postage Club
- Rossica Northern California Chapter
- San Jose Stamp Club
- Northern California Chapter Scandinavian Collectors
- Sacramento Philatelic Society
- Sequoia Stamp Club
- San Francisco Pacific Club
- Southern Oregon Philatelic Society
- Sunnyvale Stamp Club
- The Philatelic Stamp Society of San Leandro
- USS Saginaw Chapter 59 Universal Ship Cancellation Society
- Vallejo Stamp Club

I would really like to hear from the clubs not listed above. I know that many of you have interesting stories about yourselves to tell the stamp collecting community.

I am especially impressed with how long some clubs have been in existence. Please send me a history of your club if you have not already done so. It need not be lengthy; just a few paragraphs is sufficient. The histories are all interesting.

You can contact me through email at hankwashauer@yahoo.com.

Or contact me through the US mail:

Hank Washauer
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San Carlos, CA 94070

COUNCIL CLUB CHALLENGE II

The Northern California Council "Club Challenge Committee" announces the second Club Challenge to be held in June 2007 at COALPEX.

The Challenge is a Council mentoring program designed to help collectors who want to expand their stamp collecting experience into showing parts of their collections in philatelic exhibitions. Experienced and successful exhibitors volunteer to work with anyone who wants to begin (or improve) an exhibit. Experienced exhibitors have found that philatelic exhibiting provides additional insights that help you become a better collector and enjoy the hobby more.

If you ever thought that it could be fun to try your hand at exhibiting – or maybe you tried it, but were not satisfied – then get in touch with Challenge Committee Chair David McNamee at 925-934-3847 (dmcnamee@aol.com) or Council President Vesma Grinfelds at dzvesma@sprintmail.com. If you are experienced (Vermeil or better at a major show like WESTPEX), we need more people who are willing to coach and to participate in the Club Challenge display.

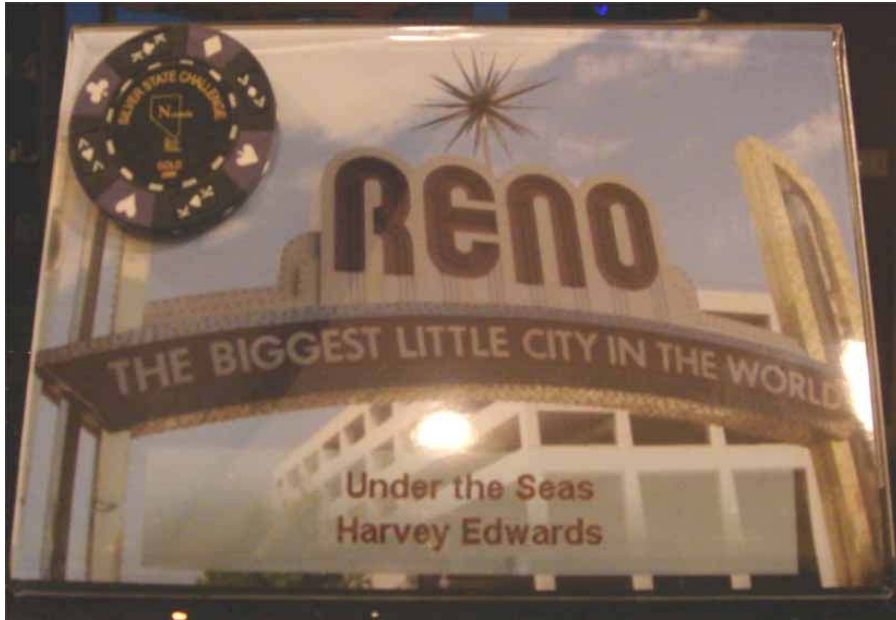
The rules are simple:

- A Team represents a Council Club. Each Club can have more than one Team.
- A Team is composed of a Novice and a Mentor. A "Novice" is an exhibitor who wants to learn more about philatelic exhibiting and has never won a Vermeil at a national show like WESTPEX. A Mentor has achieved at least a Vermeil at a national show and is willing to coach the Novice to build or improve their exhibit.
- BOTH Novice and Mentor must build "new" exhibits. "New" can be brand-new, or it can be an improved version of any previous attempt that has not won a Gold at a local show or Vermeil at a national show. Expanding from one-frame format to multi-frame will be considered "new."
- The Team's two exhibits must be a minimum total of 4 frames and a maximum of 7. Single-frame exhibits will be constructed for 16-page frames. Multi-frame exhibits will be constructed for 12-page frames.
- Exhibits will be judged under APS rules for philatelic judging. The judges will also select a Team that has the best two exhibits, and the winning Team's Club will win possession of the Club Challenge Perpetual Trophy until the next Challenge.

The Committee has designated PENPEX (December 2006) and NOVAPEX (March 2007) as "warm-up" shows where Team Members can test their ideas in real competition before the official Challenge at COALPEX in June 2007. Winning a Vermeil or better at these "warm-up" shows will not disqualify you from the Challenge!

The California Collectors Club is the reigning Club Challenge champ. What club will be next?

Greater Reno Stamp Show Pictures



The judges calculate points

Greater Reno Stamp Show Pictures (continued)



Collectors examine Herb's red boxes



Excellent Basque cuisine was served at the awards banquet

Perfect Picnic Weather

On Tuesday July 18, in the middle of a heat wave, the Sequoia Stamp Club Picnic was held, led by Chief Executive Chef Ed Rodriguez , Sous Chefs Jim Giacomazzi and John Michelin, and gofer Hank Washauer, with the help of Cathy Giacomazzi and Sue Rodriguez.

Under the shade of the old oak trees in back of the club's meeting room, we held an old fashioned picnic, featuring a menu of barbequed ribs, hamburger, chicken, coleslaw, special beans prepared by our President, and cool watermelon.



The chefs hard at work at the grill



Picnickers picnic under the spreading oak tree

PENPEX Picnic Pictures (continued)

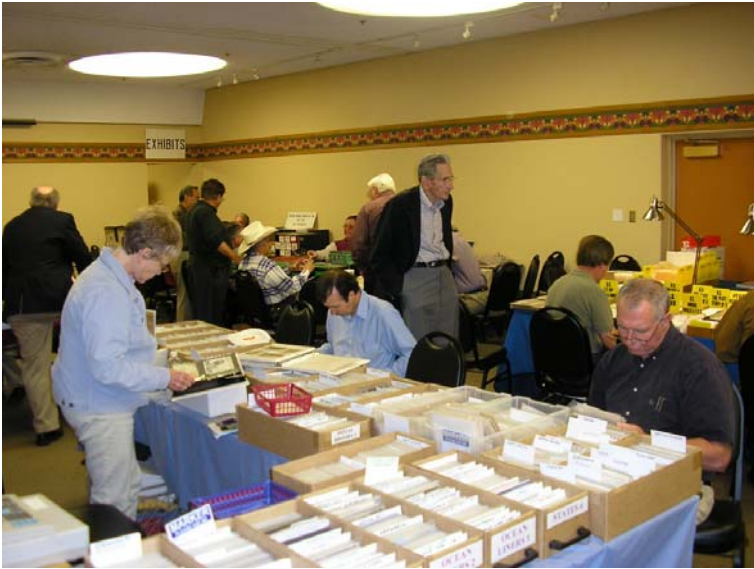


Collectors chat and eat



A tale about the hinge that got away.....

WINEPEX Pictures



Collectors peruse the cover boxes

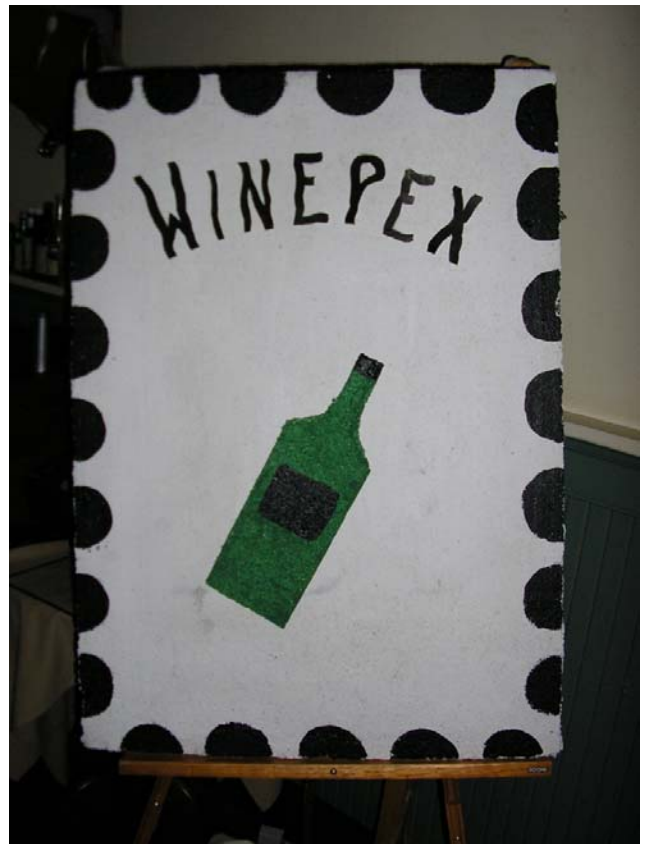


Guests enjoy the banquet feast

WINEPEX Pictures (continued)



An uncharacteristically stoic Tim Burgess with his award



Dave McNamee, Grand Award winner

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

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APS AMERISTAMP EXPO

February 9-11, 2007

Riverside Convention Center
Riverside, CA

Contact: Dana Guyer
814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128
(stampshow@stamps.org)

Website: www.stamps.org

NOVAPEX 2007

March 3-4, 2007

Redding Stamp Club,
Senior Citizens Hall,
2290 Benton Dr. Redding CA

Contact: Bill Willis
530-246-8340

SOPEX 2007

April 14-15, 2007

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society
Jackson County Fairgrounds (Take Exit 33 from I-5 to the
Padgham Pavillion, Central Point, OR)

Contact: Kevin Keating,
541-245-6991
(kkeating@uclalumni.net)

WESTPEX 2007

April 27-29, 2007

Details to be provided in next *Council Courier*

Website: www.westpex.com

CLUB NEWS

For a complete listing of the CNCPS member clubs, please visit the club page on the CNCPS website at:

<http://www.norcalstamps.org/clubs.html>

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COUNCIL COURIER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

SACAPEX

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE

6151 H St. at Carlson Dr.

Sacramento

Sunday, November 5 at 1:30 PM

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FIRST CLASS

