



Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies

# Council Courier



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## FILATELIC FIESTA 2008 TO BE HELD MARCH 7-9

Gateway Hall  
Santa Clara Country Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
San Jose

Filatellic Fiesta 2008 will be held at a new location—Gateway Hall at the Santa Clara Country Fairgrounds. Show hours are:

- **Friday and Saturday:** 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **Sunday:** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The show will feature 30 stamp and cover dealers, 176 frames of exhibits, US and UN post offices, and a special show souvenir sheet honoring the San Jose Fire Department.

For more information about Filatellic Fiesta, visit the show website at:

<http://www.filatellicfiesta.org>

Or contact Jim Sauer ([hjamesauer@yahoo.com](mailto:hjamesauer@yahoo.com))  
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## CNCPS MEETING AT FILATELIC FIESTA

The Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies will meet during Filatellic Fiesta 2008 at 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 8.

## NOVAPEX 2008 SHOW TO BE HELD MARCH 1-2

Senior Citizens Hall  
2290 Benton Drive  
Redding

For more information, contact Michael Leippe at (925) 235-4124 ([mikencastella@earthlink.net](mailto:mikencastella@earthlink.net)).

See the Prospectus and entry form on pages 12-13 of this newsletter.

## FRESPEX 2008 TO BE HELD-MARCH 15-16

Veterans Memorial Building  
5th St. and Hughes Ave  
Clovis

For an exhibit entry form, see the CNCPS website at the following URL:

<http://www.norcalstamps.org/frespex2008.pdf>

## GET READY FOR BILL DWYER'S TALK AT WESTPEX

The CNCPS is sponsoring a talk by Bill Dwyer at WESTPEX on "The Philately of French Air Pioneers." The get-together will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 11:00 AM.

Stay tuned for more news on WESTPEX in the next issue of the *Council Courier*, which will be the annual pre-WESTPEX issue.

## SOPEX 2008 TO BE HELD APRIL 5-6

Jackson County Fairgrounds  
Padgham Pavilion Building  
I-5, Exit 33  
Central Point, Oregon

SOPEX 2008 will be held at the Padgham Pavilion Building at the Jackson Country Fairground. For more information about the show, contact Donald Cramer (541) 779-4671.

## ROSS TOWLE AND TIMOTHY BARTSHE WIN THE CHALONER AWARD

At the WINEPEX awards dinner, Ross Towle and Timothy Bartshe were presented with the Chaloner Award.

Ross has made an immeasurable contribution by developing a software program to automate the WESTPEX website. Ross' work has made everyone's job at WESTPEX so much easier—every task is easier to coordinate—exhibits, awards, meetings, organization of dinners, room reservations, and all other details.

The other recipient is R. Timothy Bartshe from Denver, Colorado. Tim was named co-winner for mentoring of Northern California jurors and exhibitors. He willingly comes to Northern California to judge local and regional shows and train jurors. He has been instrumental in developing innovative exhibiting classes (i.e., the newly adopted postcard class) and in setting standards.



Ross and Timothy with the Chaloner Award

## **In Memoriam, Jack Brady**

We are very saddened to report the passing of Jack Brady. Born John R. (Jack) Brady on April 10, 1930 in San Francisco, he died January 8, 2008, in his sleep, from complications of emphysema.

Jack is survived by his wife Lila, and sons Michael and Mathew, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

With his infectious laugh, he was one of the "Good Guys" who was both liked and appreciated by all. He served as Vice-President of the San Jose Stamp Club and as the Treasurer for SUNPEX, the annual stamp show of the Sunnyvale Stamp Society. He helped at both SUNPEX and Filatelic Fiesta for a number of years, where he served in a number of capacities.

Jack especially enjoyed working the youth table and did so at the shows at Napredak Hall and at Washington 2006 in addition to our club shows. Like many of us, he performed many services within the hobby that will go unreported and known to only those directly involved, not the least of which was the work involving the exhibit frames for SUNPEX and Filatelic Fiesta.

An ardent 49ers fan, he was a St. Leo's parent, little league coach, a Mitty parent, and earned a living as an optician.

We wish to extend our profound and sincerest condolences to his wife Lila, his children and families.

## PENPEX 2007 PALMARES

PENPEX 2007, which was held on December 1-2, 2007, was another great show. Congratulations to Kristin Patterson, Joan Doherty, Jim Giacomazzi, and the many other volunteers who made the show a success.

This year's PENPEX show was highlighted by the use of new 16-page aluminum frames and thirty individual entries! PENPEX even had an exhibitor from the Philippines show. The major award winners were:

### GRAND – MULTI- FRAME EXHIBITS

The First Postage Dues of Hungary, 1903-1922      Lyman Caswell

### GRAND - SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

The Philately of Peru in One Frame      Henry Marquez

### RESERVE GRAND – MULTI- FRAME EXHIBITS

Ethiopia : The 1931 Definitive Issue      Daryl Reiber

### RESERVE GRAND – SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

1948 Jerusalem Locals      Richard Kandel

The following are the winners who prepared mini 4 page exhibits with a subject relating to the letter "J." Entrants had to be members of the Sequoia or Peninsula Stamp Clubs.

<b>First Place:</b>	1st Anniversary of World War	James Sauer
<b>Second Place:</b>	Japanese Relocation Camp Covers	Jim Giacomazzi
<b>Third Place:</b>	John, James & Jail House Rock Joined	Miriam Thurston

The jury consisted of:

- David McNamee, Chairman—Alamo, CA
- Larry Crain—Medford, OR

Apprentices judges were:

- Dr. Ed Laveroni—Los Gatos, CA
- William P. Barlow—Oakland, CA

# PENPEX Pictures



*Attendees view the exhibits*



A collector ponders Richard Clever's stock

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Members of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Marsha Brandsdorfer, left, and Kristin Patterson, right, show the books they have published—*The Accidental Secretary* and *Its a Wrap: U.S. Revenue Stamps Used on Playing Cards*

Palmares award winners. From left to right: Hank Washauer, Rick Ellison, Dennis Hassler, Middle Row Barbara Reaney, Lyman Caswell (Multi-Frame Grand Award Winner), Jim Sauer, Ruth Caswell, Akthem Al-Nabaseeer. Lyman and Ruth Caswell are from the Seattle area



# THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA POST CARD CLUB

by Lewis Baer

The San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club was organized in 1985 with to encourage the study and collecting of all types of postcards. Although the membership rolls have ebbed and surged over more than two decades, the group has always maintained a collective enthusiasm. Meetings at Fort Mason Center are held at noon on the fourth Saturday of each month except December, and several members arrive an hour or more early to eat lunch and trade cards at the outside picnic tables, to visit the small museums, and browse through the bargains at the public library book sale.

At every meeting, collectors and dealers bring cards for sale or trade, and guests, especially dealers, are always warmly welcomed. At one o'clock the brief business meeting begins after an hour of searching and swapping, and then the forty or so members and guests enjoy an informative program put on by a club member or an outside speaker. The room is ours until three o'clock, and whatever time is left is dedicated to continued postcarding and to stacking chairs and folding tables.

That has been the routine since we moved our meeting place to Fort Mason Center, a decommissioned military base which is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The March meeting is dedicated to remembering the PPIE, the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, and collectors and historians from outside the club are invited to set up exhibits.

Occasionally during the year, postcard walks of city neighborhoods are held, as are field trips to relevant museum exhibits. For the centennial of the earthquake and fire that ravaged San Francisco and the Bay Area in 1906, the club published *Facing Disaster*, a full color book of postcards showing the destruction and rebuilding of the city. In recent years, several members have had books published, rich with postcards. Glenn Koch's *San Francisco Golden Age Postcards* is elegant and lavishly illustrated with many of the most beautiful and rare cards from the early twentieth century. Chris Pollock, the current day postcard historian of Golden Gate Park, has had two books released. Other members have had books issued in the Arcadia "Postcard History" series.

The San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club has two major forms of outreach. Our monthly newsletter, usually sixteen pages in booklet format, is mailed to all members and to other clubs with which we exchange copies, and to institutions that have an interest in postcards. Among those are the Curt Teich Archives, the California Historical Society Library, and the San Francisco Library History Room, where copies are available for use by researchers. Since 2003, [www.postcard.org](http://www.postcard.org) has been our more far reaching public offering. We are fortunate in having a member who is highly skilled in web design and operation and who makes time available to keep the web site running smoothly. Webmaster Jack Daley has created a professional, truly world class site with many pages of information, over a hundred postcards and an archive of club newsletters in pdf format.

Many of our members are active in other organizations and events giving them the opportunity to further public interest in postcard collecting. When the National Park Service hosted a series of programs on the Panama Pacific International Exposition, several club members participated by presenting talks illustrated with postcards. Other members are involved in the local historical society which is charged with converting the Old Mint in downtown San Francisco into a city museum. Still others have been unable to break from their philatelic past and use stamp groups as venues for finding collectible cards and for spreading the word about the fascination of postcards. Our club demographics are wide ranging. Although most of the members ship lives in Northern California, we have club members in the southern part of the state, across the continent and in Europe. Ages of participating members span seven decades—from the thirties well into the nineties.

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San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club (continued)

The club grew out of the frustration of a few collectors who felt abandoned when an earlier group disbanded in the 1980s. About sixty enthusiasts from throughout the greater Bay Area gathered on January 5, 1985 to form the San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club. The name was chosen to reflect our center of activity and to include the many counties and collectors in the region. Only one of those initial members is still active, but several others who joined in that first year continue to find friendship and postcards at our meetings. Guests are always welcome at our meetings. Confirm current date and time at [www.postcard.org](http://www.postcard.org) or by calling 415 826-8337.

### **SACAPEX 2007 Palmares**

#### **Grand Award**

Peter Thy                                      The Registration Envelopes of the Bechuanalands

#### **LeRoy D. Armstrong Memorial Award - Best Exhibit by a Sacramento Philatelic Society Member**

Peter Thy                                      The Registration Envelopes of the Bechuanalands

#### **People's Choice Award**

A. David McHugh                              Nevada Revenue-Stamped Checks, Drafts and Certificates of Deposits—1862-1902

#### **Court of Honor**

Dzintars Grinfelds                              The 3-Star issues of Latvia 1921-1933

#### **Gold Award**

Richard Ellison                              Stamp Shapes  
Paul Helman                                  The Illustrated Mail of William F. Schlecter  
A. David McHugh                              Nevada Revenue-Stamped Checks, Drafts and Certificates of Deposits - 1862-1902  
Joe Ross                                        Bangladesh Revenue Stamps  
Peter Thy                                        The Registration Envelopes of the Bechuanalands

Jury

Wayne Menuz

Nester Nunez

Joseph Schwartz

William Barlow—Apprentice



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, SUNPEX 2007 MEETING

The Fourth Quarter meeting of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies was called to order by President Vesma Grinfelds at 12:10 PM., Sunday, November 11, 2007, at SUNPEX in Sunnyvale.

Eight clubs were represented.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and accepted after a minor correction of spelling.

Frank Scudero gave the treasurer's report, \$3,238.01 in funds, and discussed payment of bills and collection of dues. A statement for 2008 dues will be mailed to each club around December 1st.

Report was accepted.

Hank Washauer reported that he has sent numerous articles to Editor Ron Biell for the Courier, and now the need is to find room to publish them. ([Editor's Note: At Hank's request, I am publishing one club history-feature per issue—the size of the Palmares listing is not relevant to this as long as only one club article is published per issue. There is a backlog of two articles or so—so it is not an issue of not enough space in a particular newsletter.](#)) One thought was the publishing of the show Palmares. It was suggested that only the grand and reserve grand winners be published, along with any particular highlights, thus creating more space for club news. Complete show results are posted on the website. As an aid to Ron, David McNamee volunteered to assemble and staple and mail the hard copies of the Courier.

Tim Burgess asked for photos of club show activities, Palmares, and like material for posting on the web page.

David reported that the setting up and taking down of the frames at the East Bay Collectors Club Show went smoothly. PENPEX will be the next to use them. David has published a paper on the care and use of the frames which will be given to each club borrowing them.

Hank presented a roster of officers willing to accept nomination for the next term. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed. It was further moved, seconded and passed that the slate presented be elected. Those persons are: Vesma Grinfelds for President, David McNamee for Vice-President, Frank Scudero for Treasurer, and Charles Kasdorf for Secretary. Term of office is two years.

David and his committee went through the Council constitution and by-laws and wrote up changes where they thought necessary. The revisions were presented at the meeting, and after a brief discussion, minor changes were made to some of the articles, and with these changes, the constitution and by-laws, as amended, were approved by the members.

Discussion on places for Council meetings for the next year produced the following:

FILATELIC FIESTA - Saturday at 1:00 PM

Greater Reno Stamp Show - Saturday at 1:00 PM

SACAPEX - Saturday at 1:00 PM

The possibility of a third quarter meeting was left open.

Vesma asked for suggestions for the future Council goals/projects. Tim suggested a project "Philatelic Heritage of the Bay Area" which would involve gathering information about clubs, collectors, shows, etc. and compiling it in a form that could be put in the Philatelic Library and made available to interested parties.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. A. Kasdorf, Secretary

# East Bay Collector's Club Photos

The 2007 East Bay Collector's Club show had many exciting scenes. The show was very well attended and the dealers and exhibitors were impressed by the excellent organization of the event.



Show-goers take time to discuss the exhibits



Gary Hoecker had brisk business at the show



Rick Ellison's Exhibit and another Palmares winner

## RICK ELLISON AND BILL OLIVER WIN TEAM CHALLENGE AT EBCC

Rick Ellison and Bill Oliver were the winner of the Team Challenge held at the EBCC show. Congratulations to Rick and Bill!



Rick and Bill, with the Team Challenge winning exhibit

## **Novapex Prospectus**

March 1st & 2nd, 2008

Redding Stamp Club

### **Exhibitors:**

1. As this is an open show, any collector may enter an exhibit.
2. All materials in an exhibit must be the property of the exhibitor.
3. Juniors must be under the age of 18 on the day the show opens.

### **Entry:**

1. There are NO fees.
2. Deadline for entries is 20 days prior to the exhibition start; OR when all frames are filled.
3. Entries will be acknowledged. No exhibits are to be forwarded prior to receipt of acceptance.
4. Mailed entries must arrive by at least 3 DAYS BEFORE the start of exhibits.

### **Frames and Exhibits:**

1. Each exhibit must be entered in one of four classes:
  - A. Youth Class.
  - B. General Class (consisting of Traditional Postal History, Aero philately , Astrophilately, Revenues, Display Exhibits, Stationary, Thematics, Cinderallas, Illustrated Mail, and Special Studies).
  - C. Non-competitive
  - D. One frame.
2. The aluminum frames hold 16 pages (8.5 x 11) either mounted in 4 rows of 4 or 12 oversize pages.
3. Exhibits must be mounted in clear protectors and sequentially numbered on the back.
4. Each exhibitor must submit 3 copies of a synopsis for pre-show distribution to judges.

### **Delivery and Mounting:**

1. Exhibitors assume all responsibility for getting their exhibits to and from the exhibition site.
2. Exhibits brought by the owner or agent will be mounted between the hours of 8:00-9:00am Saturday.

### **Judging and Awards:**

1. The decisions of APS accredited judges is final.
2. There are 5 levels of ribbon awards: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver Bronze, and a Grand Award.
3. There are special awards available for presentation:
  - a. The Pattie Award - best new exhibit by a member of the Redding Stamp Club
  - b. William Von Mattix Award - best Postal History Exhibit
  - c. Florence & Richard Hoffman Award - best Junior Exhibit
  - d. People's Choice Award - Awarded by votes of visitors to NovaPex
  - e. Certificate of Award - best exhibit by an APS member in good standing.

### **Exhibition Open/Closing and Return of Exhibits:**

1. Opens Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am. Closes on Saturday at 5:00pm and at 4:00pm on Sunday.
2. No exhibits may be mounted or removed during official show hours.
3. Mail-in exhibits will be returned as per owners' instructions on the first Monday following the Show. Owners must provide return postage and insurance, if applicable.

### **Liability and Security:**

1. All exhibits are entered at the risk of the Exhibitor.
2. Insurance is NOT provided. You must make your own insurance arrangements.
3. A round the clock security will be provided from the beginning until the close of the show
4. The Redding Stamp Club, any participating societies, or any of their committees, members, officers, directors, employees or representatives are not liable for any damage or loss for any cause or reason.

**NOVAPEX STAMP SHOW**

March 1st & 2nd, 2008

Sponsored by the Redding Stamp Club





## UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

### NOVAPEX 2008

March 1-2, 2008

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2290 Benton Dr. Redding CA

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Jackson County Fairgrounds  
(Take Exit 33 from I-5 to the Padgham Pavilion,  
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### WESTPEX 2008

April 25-27, 2008

San Francisco Airport Marriot,  
1800 Old Bayshore Highway  
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### COALPEX 2008

June 14-15, 2008

Walnut Creek Community Center  
Civic Center Assembly Hall,  
1375 Civic Dr  
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Saturday, March 8 at 12:00 PM

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