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53RD ANNUAL WESTPEX SHOW, APRIL 26-28

The major show of the year, WESTPEX 2013, is two weeks away. Activities will include a Collectors Club of San Francisco dinner, a CNCPS meeting, and a multitude of club meetings and seminars.

WESTPEX is held at the following location:

San Francisco Marriot Airport Waterfront
1800 Old Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, CA

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- WESTPEX : Sunday
April 28, 2013, 12:00
PM. Room 8024



For detailed information on the show, go to the WESTPEX website at:

www.westpex.org

AMENDED COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The main topic at the CNCPS meeting at WESTPEX will be the Amended Council By-Laws. Please see the text of the amended Constitution/By-Laws starting on page 7

Also, the minutes of the last two Council meetings, at which the changes were discussed, can be found on pages 5 and 6.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to start my message by congratulating Roy Texeira for receiving the 2012 Chaloner Award, which is given to an individual with exemplary service to philately. Also, join me to congratulate Joe Ross for receiving the 2012 Leonard Holmsten Award. This award is given to the highest scoring exhibit displayed by a council member at a designated show. Last year's designated show was PENPEX and this year will be the Reno stamp show during the month of August.

New proposed revisions to the By-laws are available for members to review and provide feedback so that we can finalize it at the coming meeting.

In other news, at the PENPEX meeting we agreed to have the club dues fixed at ten dollars for all clubs instead of having different rates. In the past, dues varied between six to fifteen dollars depending on the club size. I assume the new fixed rate is affordable to all council clubs.

Our next council meeting will be on Sunday April 28th at the WESTPEX 2013 show in room 8024 at 12 pm.

(<http://www.westpex.org/html/schedule.html>).

One important item on the agenda will be "Apprentice Judge Evaluation Form" where a process will be formalized to ensure that we have quality future judges that work well to coach exhibitors and exercise reasonably good judgment. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Please send me an e-mail or call me if you have any thoughts or questions that you wish to be discussed at the next council meeting.

Akthem Al-Manaseer CNCPS President

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COLLECTORS CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO DINNER, WESTPEX 2013

Guest Speaker: Abed Habib Najjar

The Victor Hugo cover franked with three examples of the iconic Great Britain 1858-79 1d rose-red plate 77 enigma.



Since 2006 Abed has been researching the incredible story behind the iconic Great Britain 1858-79 1d rose red plate 77, a stamp of which only a handful of accepted copies exist. His new discovery, an incredible 1865 cover from the famed playwright Victor Hugo sent from Guernsey to Brussels franked with three examples of this very rare iconic stamp, has caused serious



controversy amongst philatelists as to its genuineness.

Over the last six years, through unique and extensive scientific and philatelic research, he has proven that the stamps are completely genuine. This work will form the subject matter of this presentation, including both the unique scientific research that was carried out on the three stamps and the philatelic research behind the plate 77 enigma.

Abed obtained his BSc honors degree in pharmacy in 1974. He has been a serious collector of stamps and postal history for over forty years, specializing in the stamps and postal history of the British Commonwealth and the Middle East and in particular the stamps and postal history of Jordan, his main area of specialization. Abed has run his London based publishing and trading company since 1981, and has published numerous philatelic articles and two award winning books on the stamps and postal history of Jordan, an area of philately on which he is regarded as an Authority and which he expertise's.

Anyone wishing to stay at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront can ask for a special WESTPEX hotel rate of \$125.00 plus tax. For reservation call 506-474-2009 or 877-622-3056 and mention the WESTPEX Show rate. Any questions, please visit the WESTPEX web site: www.westpex.org

Location: San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront - Vineyard
Burlingame, CA 94010
Phone: 650-692-9100
Wednesday April 24, 2013 at 6:00 pm no host cocktails, dinner at 6:30 pm
Cost: \$57.00 per person

Menu

Organic garden house salad with lemon herb vinaigrette

Slow roasted ½ chicken breast

Roasted Yukon sweet potatoes, lemon sage and pearl onions

Or

Hangar's cedar wrapped salmon

Julienned leeks, shitake mushrooms, coconut scented jasmine rice, baby bok choy

(menu continued on following page)

See following page for registration information

Chocolate crisp cake
Starbucks Coffee & Tea

\$57.00 per person

Your reservation(s) must be received by **April 19, 2013**, along with your check made payable to Judy Jarvis.

Mail to: Collectors Club of San Francisco

% Judy Jarvis

P.O. Box 210579

San Francisco, CA 94121-0579

Phone: 415-387-1016

Email: judyjarvis@westpex.com

Cut off this portion and include it with your reservation

Name(s): _____

Main Course selection: Chicken _____ Salmon _____

Please reserve _____ dinner(s) @ \$57.00 per person.



MINUTES OF WESTPEX CNCPS MEETING
EBCC SHOW, OCTOBER 28, 2012

Attending: *Akthem Al-Manaseer David McNamee Vesma Grinfelds*
Randy Tuuri Tim Burgess Craig Butterworth
Tom Hoffmann Larry Crain

President, Akthem Al-Manaseer, presided over the October 28, 2012 meeting at the EBCC which was called to order at 1:00PM.

Reports:

- 1) The minutes of the WESTPEX April 29, 2012 meeting as recorded by Secretary, Vesma Grinfelds were approved as written. Motion carried.
- 2) David McNamee, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Randy Tuuri moved and Larry Crain seconded the motion that Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) There was discussion about the proposed By-Laws changes. David McNamee made some "cosmetic" corrections. It was suggested that a little more time be given to the proposed changes in regards to "non-paying" Clubs from Ed Laveroni. Vesma Grinfelds so moved and David seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2) Concerning feedback for exhibitors are Council Shows: it was reported that the suggested are being implemented. We were minded that the APS form can ben used OR a Show designed form would be acceptable as long as exhibitors are provided with feedback.

New Business:

- 1) There was discussion as to the possibility of COALPEX being revived. David McNamee had good news that a poll of the dealers at EBCC revealed that 100% of them would be at COALPEX. David agreed to write an article to solicit leadership for COALPEX (which is exactly what is needed). A person is needed to coordinate the functional jobs. Many Clubs are involved and most are doing nothing. Tom Hoffmann agreed to address the question to the San Leandro Club. Can the Alameda Club assist? Randy Tuuri agreed to create a "to-do" list of tasks that needs to be addressed to make a Show function on our scale.
- 2) David let it be known that the wood container box which holds the Council frames at the storage facility are "falling apart". It need be arranged that the box plus a replacement storage box be delivered to the next Show – PENPEX and that the transfer be made.
- 3) It was noted that the judging schedule for 2013 Shows will be established soon.
- 4) .Tim Burgess stated that the Council website (www.norcalstamps.org) is "up to date". Ron Biell, our web-master, will be requested to solicit information to be added to the web-site.
- 5) Concerning Council activities and projects: Tim Burgess expressed his opinion that we need to get our message across better. Many have little idea as to what the Council actually does – we supply judges, co-ordinate Shows, publicize our Shows and develop new jury members. David noted that we also supply speakers but that we have a very poor "marketing" program.
- 6) A Committee was established by President Akthem Al-Manaseer to explore the possibility of having a winner of the Chaloner Award in 2012. That committee was created and a winner named. Vesma Grinfelds will retrieve the plaque and have it engraved for presentation at an appropriate venue.
- 7) We were reminded that PENPEX has been designated to be the host Show for the Holmsten Award in 2012 – (Best Exhibit by a Member of a Council Club)

.Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM after a motion by David McNamee and second by Tom Hoffmann.

Respectfully submitted,
Vesma Grinfelds, Secretary

MINUTES OF PENPEX CNCPS MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2012

Attending: *Akthem Al-Manaseer* *David McNamee* *Ed Laveroni*
 Vesma Grinfelds *Larry Crain* *Craig Butterworth* *Kristin Patterson*
 Jim Giacomazzi

President, Akthem Al-Manaseer, presided over the December 2, 2012 meeting at PEN-PEX which was called to order at 1:05 PM.

Reports:

- 1) The minutes of the EBCC OCTOBER, 2012 meeting as recorded by Secretary, Vesma Grinfelds were approved as written. Larry Crain moved and Craig Butterworth seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) David McNamee, Treasurer, presented the financial report. He noted that the report is the same as the one presented at the previous meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Ed Laveroni, By-Laws Committee Chairman, was present to present the recommended changes to the By-Laws. These proposed changes will be submitted to the Editor and web-site editor for publication in the Courier and the Council web-site prior to the WESTPEX meeting where they will be voted upon for approval.

New Business:

- 1) Update on the Holmsten Award: In 2012, the competition for the Holmsten Award was held at PENPEX (the designated event). The winner will be presented the plaque (to be held by that exhibitor until the next designated Show). It was agreed that the 2013 event shall take place at the Reno Show in August 2013 and that the 2014 designated Show be SOPEX in Medford, Oregon.
- 2) The Chaloner Award winner has been determined by the Chaloner Award Committee. The perpetual plaque has been engraved with the winner's name and will be presented at the CCSF Holiday Dinner to be held on
- 3) December 12, 2012.
- 4) The next meeting of the Council will be held during WESTPEX.
- 5) Treasurer David McNamee, brought up the subject of Club dues to the Council. Currently, dues are based on individual Club memberships at a rate of \$6.00, \$10.00 or \$15.00 depending on total membership. David suggested that memberships fees should be \$10.00 irrespective of Club size since the fees are nominal and accounting would be made easier. David moved this motion and Craig seconded. Motion carried.
- 6) Ed Laveroni announced that he is resigning as Vice President for personal reasons. Larry Crain was appointed to the position of Vice President as of January 1, 2013 and agreed to accept the position. David moved to ratify this appointment and Vesma seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM..

Respectfully submitted, Vesma Grinfelds, Secretary

Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME and GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Sec. 1. The name of this organization is the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS).

Sec. 2. The geographic area of CNCPS is defined as encompassing Northern California, Northern Nevada and Southern Oregon.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of CNCPS is to promote philately within the defined geographic area by:

Sec. 1. Providing a forum for communication and cooperation among organized philatelic organizations,

Sec. 2. Encouraging and promoting club-sponsored philatelic activities,

Sec. 3. Assisting unorganized philatelists to form local clubs and organizations, and

Sec. 4. Providing educational and support services that benefit all member organizations.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any organization of philatelists located within the defined geographical area is eligible for membership in CNCPS, providing they meet current membership requirements and support the purpose of the CNCPS.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

Sec. 1. Each member organization of the CNCPS may select one of its members to be their delegate to the CNCPS to vote on matters that arise in CNCPS meetings. In the absence of a formal selection by any member organization, that organization's President will be recognized as the organization's delegate.

Sec. 2. Each CNCPS elected Officer and Chairman of a Standing Committee has the right to one vote.

Sec. 3. No delegate may represent more than one organization.

Sec. 4. CNCPS Officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 5. The final scheduled meeting in the calendar year of the CNCPS is the Annual Meeting. Officers for the ensuing two years are elected at the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE V – LIMITATIONS

Sec. 1. The CNCPS shall not assume any liability, financial or otherwise for any member organization.

Sec. 2. The CNCPS shall not incur any indebtedness beyond the amount currently available in the Treasury and amounts pledged or underwritten by member organizations or individuals.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be effected by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the delegates, CNCPS Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees, present at a regular or special meeting of the CNCPS, provided that the text of the proposed amendments are mailed or emailed to all CNCPS Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees and to each member organization at least thirty days prior to the date of the CNCPS meeting at which the amendment is to be presented.

ARTICLE VIII – PROCEDURE

Meetings of the CNCPS shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, where not in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.



Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies By-Laws

ARTICLE I – MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS) will meet at such times each year and at such places as the CNCPS may designate. The last scheduled meeting of the calendar year will be the Annual Meeting for elections and other business of the CNCPS. Notice of the time and place of meetings will be published in the *Council Courier*, mailed or emailed to each delegate, CNCPS Officer and Chairmen of Standing Committees at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the CNCPS may be called at the discretion of the CNCPS President, or upon the written request to the CNCPS President by ten member organizations. Notice of the time and place of the special meetings and the purpose for the special meeting will be mailed or emailed to each delegate, CNCPS Officer and Chairmen of Standing Committees at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 3. A quorum for the conduct of business is eight voting members of CNCPS.

Sec. 4. A record of all meetings will be maintained in the permanent file.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Each philatelic organization, society or club applying for membership in the CNCPS agrees to abide by the CNCPS Constitution and By-Laws, to support the activities of the CNCPS, and to coordinate their activities to minimize conflict with the stated activities of the CNCPS or other member organizations that could be affected.

Sec. 2. Any philatelic organization applying for membership will submit a letter to the CNCPS Secretary for inclusion on the agenda of the next CNCPS meeting. New memberships will be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the CNCPS following receipt of the letter of application.

Sec. 3. Each member organization will furnish the CNCPS Secretary annually with a list of the current officers of the organization, when elected, dates, time and place of regular meetings, and the names and addresses of the authorized delegates to the CNCPS.

ARTICLE III – NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominations will be made by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the President. The committee shall report at the summer quarterly meeting of the odd-numbered year. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any delegate, Council Officer or Standing Committee Chairman at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting of the odd-numbered years . In the case of more than one nomination for a particular office, the election will be by written ballot.

Sec. 3. The CNCPS President and Vice-President each are elected for a two year term. They cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms, but they may stand for election to these offices subsequently. The CNCPS Secretary and Treasurer each are elected for a two year term, and each of them can serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 4. Any member in good standing of a member organization also in good standing is eligible to serve as an Officer of CNCPS.

Sec. 5. In the event of a vacancy in any elected office the vacancy can be filled by appointment by the CNCPS President, subject to confirmation by the delegates at the next CNCPS meeting.

Sec. 6. Any officer may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present at CNCPS meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President calls and conducts all meetings, appoints such committees as may be necessary, and is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President assists the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the President, performs all duties of the President. The Vice-President performs other duties that may be assigned by the President from time to time.

Sec. 3. The Secretary keeps a record of all meetings and decisions of the CNCPS, accepts letters of application for membership, maintains the roster of member organizations and their respective officers and CNCPS delegates, and performs other duties that may be assigned by the President from time to time.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer receives and disburses all funds of the CNCPS, keeps accurate accounting records, and deposits all funds of the CNCPS in such bank or banks as the CNCPS may direct. The Treasurer submits a financial report to the CNCPS at the Annual Meeting and interim financial reports for any meeting of the CNCPS if directed by the President.

ARTICLE V – FINANCES

Sec. 1. Dues for all member organizations will be established by CNCPS for the ensuing year at the Annual Meeting .

Sec. 2. If the CNCPS does not act on dues amounts, the rates of the prior year will be carried over.

Sec. 3. If yearly dues are not paid in a timely manner, the club will be dropped from CNCPS membership.

ARTICLE VI – STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President after the November Annual meeting, serving for the term of the President or until a replacement is appointed:

COMMUNICATIONS – Maintains communications with clubs and other groups.

COUNCIL COURIER EDITOR – Edits and publishes quarterly the *Council Courier*, the official publication of the CNCPS.

SPEAKERS BUREAU – Maintains a roster of speakers for member organizations or the outside community who request this service.

WEB MASTER – Coordinates information from member organizations about proposed exhibition dates, changes in member organization meeting times or places, and CNCPS activities. Also provides other information as directed by the CNCPS or President.

JUDGES – Provides judges for CNCPS member organizations' stamp exhibitions when requested.

CHALONER AWARD – Investigates qualifications of and recommends recipient(s) of the CNCPS Chaloner Award. The award is available annually for services to philately and to the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

Adopted: Jan.19, 1941

Amended: Dec. 4, 1949; May 3, 1959; May 3,1964; Aug. 4,1968; Nov. 5, 1972;
June 26, 1983; Sept. 24, 2000; Nov. 11, 2007



NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE GOLDEN GATE STAMP CLUB

Please note the following new contact information for the Golden Gate Stamp Club.

Golden Gate Stamp Club meets 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 pm, at the Taraval District Police Station, 2345 24th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116. Contact Ralph Anavy, 420 Mission Bay Blvd. N., #1503, San Francisco, CA 94158, Tel: 415-647-8093, e-mail: rraphy@aol.com

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

Please note the following new contact information for the Nevada Stamp Study Society.

The Nevada Stamp Study Society meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays 10 am - Noon, NNMC, 1855 Oddie Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431, Stan Cronwall, President@renostamp.org. Web site:

<http://www.renostamp.org>

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SANTA ROSA STAMP CLUB

Please note the following new contact information for the Santa Rosa Stamp Club.

San Rosa Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm 1st Tuesdays, at the Lodge at Paulin Creek, 2375 Range Ave, Bldg D (2nd floor dining room), Santa Rosa. Contact: Dennis Buss, 1015 Gailinda Ct, Petaluma, CA 94952. email contact: srsc2012@yahoo.com

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SOUTHERN OREGON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Please note the following new contact information for the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society.

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays. at 7PM at the St. Mary's High School, 811 Black Oak Dr., Medford, Oregon, Contact: Larry Crain, PO BOX 4395, Medford OR 97501. Tel: 541-779-9462, e-mail: larry.crain@gmail.com

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UPCOMING CLUB SHOWS FOR 2012

SOPEX

April 13-14

Jackson County Fairgrounds, Medford, Oregon

http://www.virtualstampclub.com/apschap_so_oregon.html

WESTPEX

April 26-28

San Francisco Airport Waterfront Marriott, Burlingame

www.westpex.org

GREATER RENO STAMP SHOW

Aug. 17-18

National Bowling Stadium

<http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/id6.html>







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