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## DISPLAYING AND JUDGING

With appreciation to Lloyd T. Smith  
London Numismatic Society

First, let's talk of relatives. I do not mean that we will talk about your relatives or my relatives, even though we might all enjoy some of the tales we could tell more than our assigned topic. I would consider myself a relativist; I accept the philosophical doctrine that all knowledge is only of relations.

The kind of relations to which I refer at the present time are the many comparisons we make in our everyday living, from which we develop at a very early age into judges. We begin by choosing between different objects, colours or shapes, and as we mature, we compare the relative values or relative merits before we buy or pass judgment. We even come to use such expressions as "Use your own judgment" or "I would judge it to be" and, that unfortunate expression so often heard in art shows, "I'M no judge, but I know what I like". This is an entirely ambiguous statement, as knowing what you like is judging on your own terms.

Our ability to retain past images in our memory enables us to relate what we see now to a myriad of previous mind experiences; so that we can compare and make a reasonably intelligent judgment of the present situation. We are continually relating everything we see and do to those retained images. In fact, this image retention is so great that we can easily decide the condition of a coin in the hand by comparing it with our recalled images of coins in all grades.

To carry this even further, we can recall the mental image at any time, even without an example before us. If I say to you, 38-24-36, you will all immediately conjure a mental image of a feminine lovely of about the proportions mentioned; but,

if I merely say "topless", your mental image will be based entirely on comparative judgment of your own previous knowledge. That may seem a roundabout way of explaining the word relative, but it does give us an idea of how we make many continual judgements every day.

Speaking in a more serious vein, this word relative does have a direct bearing on our ability to judge coin displays and in the preparation of an exhibit.

Let us assume that you have been asked to assist in the judging of coin exhibits at a show. Should you accept? Many could that do not, and unfortunately, a few with little ability in this field have accepted. I would say that you qualify as a judge if you can be absolutely impartial (even to judging your own display if necessary), if you are willing to abide by the requirements set up by the club or association requesting your assistance (even though you may not entirely agree with them), and, if your knowledge of numismatics and comparative appreciation of quality in exhibits from a few shows has given you the ability to relate each new exhibit to previous examples. Judging is a relative matter. If you are serving as Head Judge, it is most important that you call your judges together prior to the actual judging, so that you can discuss the requirements of the judging form and be sure that each judge has the same interpretation of the various points. Again I emphasize, that this is neither the time or place for contrary interpretation of a particular set of judging rules. In fact, misinterpretation has resulted in prizes being awarded improperly, much to the consternation and astonishments of more able judges.

There is no need to discuss the various points that may be awarded on accepted judging forms, except as they relate to preparing a good exhibit. If you will keep in mind the requirements for each point phase of judging and prepare your exhibits accordingly, you will stand a better chance of winning an award. But of greater importance, you will now have a display that will attract the visitor, supply information for added interest and will be a credit to your numismatic endeavour. Whether or not you win, you will have contributed much more to the show and will feel justifiably proud of your efforts. It is a good rule then, to request a copy of the judging form that will be used at the show in which you wish to enter a competitive display. Both judging forms and the temperment of judges will vary from show to show; that is why we sometimes see a prize-winning display in one show taking no award in another.

Another good rule is to get away from using ready-made holders if possible. Small cards may be covered with felt or velvet, or may be decorated slightly to make a more personal display. Information may be added below each coin or at the bottom or side of the display case. Maps, stamps, small coats-of-arms, flag pictures or anything else novel that may come to mind and relates to the display will add to

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the originality and neatness. I should mention though, that too much added material other than coins may tend to place the coins in a secondary position and could result in fewer points from some judges.

I have had collectors tell me that they haven't the time to lay out several cases of coins one at a time, and then, I see them place the coins in the cases in prepared holders in about five minutes and then stand around wondering why they have nothing to do, or maybe interfering with someone else who is taking his time setting up a nice display. These same individuals are often the ones who complain the most about judging systems and about the so-called experts taking all the awards. After all, judges can easily determine the amount of effort expended in preparing a display. Setting up a coin display should be a labour of love, where each coin can be held separately and the history, or even some of the private stories associated with certain pieces may be brought to mind and enjoyed again. I once watched the late Mr. Walter Homes, an eminent authority on paper money, laying out a court of honour display, and every once in awhile he would stop to examine a specimen. I am quite sure that his thoughts were about related memories.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club shows with dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of these dates conflict with your club date.

- May 11 - Peterborough Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show in the Orange Hall, 184 Brock St., Peterborough, Ont.
- May 11 - City of Ottawa Coin Club Annual Coin and Stamp Show in the Chateau Laurier Hotel. For details contact L.B. Fletcher, 1833 Elmridge Dr., Ottawa K1J 6R6.
- Jun 2 - Welland Coin Club Annual Show in Princess Elizabeth Public School, Lincoln & Schoelfield Ave., Welland, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. For Bourse, etc., contact Denis Laverdiere, 17 Ross St., Welland, Ontario.
- Sept. 21 - Toronto Coin Club Annual Show in the Territories and B.C. Rooms, Royal York Hotel, Front St., Toronto. Auction conducted by R. Shillingworth, Suite 506, 19 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont.
- Oct. 6 - Bluewater International Coin Show sponsored by Sarnia Coin Club at the Village Inn, N. Christina St., Sarnia. For bourse contact Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale Ave., or General Chairman - Sandy Paine, 1714 Carl St., Sarnia. Display case - Roy Richards, 723 Alexandra Ave., Pt. Edward.
- Oct. 19 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church, Queenston St., St. Catharines, Ont. Chairman - Pat Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines and Bourse Chairman - R. Voaden, Highland Ave., St. Catharines.

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DID YOU KNOW

The Japanese gold oban issued in the 16th century was one of the largest gold coins ever struck; it weighed approximately six ounces.

EARLY DAYS WITH THE R.C.M.P.

By Ruth McQuade, City of Ottawa Coin Club.

The R.C.M.P. was established because of a need for law and order in Western Canada, and since then they have grown and adapted to the needs of the Canadians.

At the time of their inauguration, western Canada was an enormous buffalo hunting ground, as well as a battle ground. The Indians accepted some trading visitors. Then these free traders began to carry "fire-water" to the Indians.

On May 23, 1873, six years after Confederation, the Dominion parliament authorized the establishment of the North West Mounted Police, with the immediate objective to stop the liquor traffic. It was reported that whisky traders occupied an establishment in the Red River area called "Port Whoop-Up".

Even after the R.C.M.P. had been operating a few months, the Indians were not slow to sense the meaning of the scarlet tunic. Native chiefs visited the force - first out of curiosity. Finally the head of the Blackfeet, "Crowfoot" rode up and shook hands. Later Crowfoot, after having testified to the trust his people had placed in the North West Mounted Police, said, "The police have protected us as the feathers of the bird protect it from the frosts of winter".

The R.C.M.P. were not just law makers: "Under Mounted Police surveillance and guidance and on the plains, from Manitoba to the Rockies, the laws of the Dominion or, as the Indians so often termed them, "The words of the Great White Mother" were thenceforward almost entirely administered by the Force. On innumerable occasions the red-coated riders showed great versatility in the performance of their duties. There were prairie fires to be battled, smuggling, especially of whiskey, to forestall, customs dues to be collected, victims of winter blizzards to be scoured, starvation and other forms of privation to be overcome, illnesses and accidents to be attended to, weddings and funerals to be arranged, mails to be carried, insane persons to be taken in, lost travellers to be found, stolen stock to be returned to rightful owners, cattle and horse thieves, gamblers, murderers - all who participated in major crimes - to be run down, and as settlements spread, mining, lumber and railroad construction camps to be kept under strict observation."

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ANCIENT GREEK OLYMPIC COMMEMORATIVES

With appreciation to A. W. Driega City of Ottawa Coin Club

In the April '73 issue of the Monthly Bulletin, our editor gave a detailed account of the origins of the Olympic Games. I will amplify this account with specific reference to several ancient Greek Olympic commemorative coins.

That the first Olympiad started in 776 B.C. is history. Some historians on the Games believe what lies in antiquity beyond this date is either myth or mystery. However, it has been determined through the recovery of an inscribed discus, that the Games at the Altis of Olympia in Elis, were first held in 1400 B.C. That being accepted, it can be stated that few ventures undertaken by mortal man have endured for so long.

The winner of a particular discipline in these early games was honoured with nothing more than a laurel fashioned from olive branches or a branch of a palm tree. There were no presentations of medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places such as we have to-day. The names of winners were often engraved in slabs of marble thus providing us with a recorded account of these victories in ancient times. It was the custom prior to 540 B.C. that a winner could erect a statue with his name engraved on it and later an exception was made that if a person was victorious three times, he could have the statue made to resemble him in facial features. Marble was not the only medium available to the ancient Greeks on which to record the heroic and victorious events of the times. Indeed the coinage of the Peloponnese region provided an excellent medium on which to commemorate these events.

If you take a look at all the ancient Greek coins minted, you will notice that a good number of them have either a chariot, an olive branch, a laurel or the Greek Goddess of Victory, Nike, which signifies victories of sort. Chariot racing was extremely popular as a spectator sport and these were held frequently therefore it is difficult to determine whether this motif is in connection with the Olympic Games. Even though the Greeks were prolific writers, only two coins can be definitely established as being commemoratives of the Olympic Games. There is a third one, which by virtue of having a sporting motif on both sides, is generally considered an Olympic commemorative. I shall deal with each one separately.

Messana, Sicily, Tetradrachme 480 B.C.

Aristotle himself wrote about a coin minted by Anaxilas, the ruler of Rhegion and Zankale-Messana on Sicily, which commemorated his Olympic victory in a chariot race at Elis about 480 B.C. What made this commemorative extraordinary is the fact that Anaxilas himself drove the biga (two horse chariot) to victory using a couple of mules instead of horses. This was a double-barreled shock to the Hellenic Greeks to see an upstart colonial from Sicily beat their beloved horse drawn bigas, with all things, a couple of mules. It was such a surprising victory that these coins, with slight variations, were minted for about 60 years. The obverse depicts the biga drawn by a couple of mules with a bearded driver in the biga. The Goddess of Victory, Nike, is flying overhead carrying a wreath of laurels in her hand. The reverse of the coin depicts a leaping hare. Because Analixas introduced the rabbit into Sicily, it gave rise to commemorate this event on this coin. The Messana was struck in silver having a diameter of approximately 25 mm. and weighing approximately 17.5 gms.

Macedonia (Philip II), Tetradrachme 356 B.C.

The recording of Greek history gets more accurate as time goes on and full documentary evidence exists to the effect that Philip II, King of Macedonia, entered his horse in the 105th Olympics held in 365 B.C. which won the coveted first place. Because King Philip was a lover of horses, he directed his horse and jockey be depicted on his coins. Many districts and people in Europe and Asia Minor copied this popular motif of a powerful horse in stride ridden bareback by a small rider holding a palm branch of victory in his right hand. However, only those struck in Macedonia and having the inscription "Philippoy" are considered to be the genuine commemorative coin. Philip's fame in becoming the master of all Greece was eventually to be overshadowed by the greater glory of his son, Alexander the Great. On the reverse of

this coin, is a profile of Zeus who initiated the Olympic Games. He is facing right. This coin was also struck in silver having a diameter from 22 to 25 mm. and weighing between 14.2 and 14.5 gm.

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CANADIAN YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

First of all, congratulations to the new executive of C.Y.N. which are as follows: President - Ted Banning, Vice-President - Leslie Brown, Secretary - Diane Kosiba, Treasurer - John Fotheringham, Editor - Terri Roach and Vie-Editor - Les Brown.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Our general meeting at Torex was well attended, with two excellent speakers, Mr. Robert Porter gave a talk on the development of the silver dollar, and Mr. Robert Willey talked about the background and scope of Canadian numismatics; both were very interesting to those in attendance.

The O.N.A.<sup>2</sup> Convention was, unfortunately, badly attended by juniors. There were no junior displays at all, until one was finally put in some time Saturday afternoon. The general meeting seemed to have almost more seniors than juniors in attendance, so I would like to see more participation on the part of C.Y.N. members at shows such as this in the future.

There have been so many suggestions for ammendments to our proposed constitution that we are postponing its official adoption until our August 24th meeting. Whatever changes are needed will be made at an executive in April on the 27th in Waterloo, but we will still be open to suggestions right up until our August meeting (still we would appreciate being able to finish with this as soon as possible). By the way, let's have all of the central executive and as many of the directors as possible in attendance at this Waterloo executive meeting.

There are some new services this year's executive would like to institute, and in order to put these ideas into operation as soon as possible will the members write in their ideas and suggestions. The first service is the Numismatic Exchange Service which can be in operation immediately through "Letters to the Editor" column.

REVIEW OF C.Y.N. GENERAL MEETINGS HELD IN MARCH - (in part)

Three interesting guest speakers were Mrs. Florence Schook, secretary of the Michigan State Numismatic Society, who spoke on Junior coin collecting, and she was followed by Mr. Tom Klunzinger of Michigan on "Exhibiting Coins", and finally Mr. George Oblinsky conveyed his thoughts on "Coin Grading". All three gave the audience a fascinating account of their subject.

Mrs. Schook kindly gave every junior a numismatic gift and assisted with our raffle at which the club made \$6.75 and John Jones won the book "Coins of the World".

The C.Y.N. "Award of Merit" plaque was won by Editor, Terri Roach, for her outstanding services to C.Y.N. during the past year.

FROM YE ED - Congratulations, Juniors, on the progress you have made since your beginning. You have done exceptionally well, and the O.N.A. and C.N.A. are looking forward to much help from your members in the near future as you graduate to the adult associations. You will put new ideas into numismatics.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The last meeting saw a large attendance of members and guests. Of the 5 guests present 4 became members. The highlight of the meeting was a talk by Walter Griggs on the Life, Love and Official Coinage of Edward VIII, the display of coins was through the courtesy of George Brunsdon.

COLLINGWOOD & DISTRICT NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -?

The reason for the question mark is that Collingwood is a new club and is just struggling for a name and is open to suggestions. We are glad to welcome a new club into the family and wish you all the luck. At April 15th there are 25 members and plans are being made to have bourse dealers, auctions, etc. at the meetings.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

The last meeting saw 24 members and 4 guests assembled in the War Museum on Sussex Drive. Even at this early date Mr. J. Roberts has been appointed chairman for the 1976 C.N.A. Convention and it should be a success when planning is starting this early.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

The last meeting had an excellent attendance of 33 members and 7 guests. They were entertained with slides and commentary on "The Newfoundland Coinage" which was much enjoyed. Final details are being looked after for the C.N.A. Convention in August.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting Alex Edmonds spoke on the Printing Trades describing the various kinds of type used while he was active in business. Jean Edmonds showed slides of Northern Ontario in fall colour and the Canadian Numismatic Park at Sudbury. The members were reminded of the Dutch Auction for the next meeting in aid of the crippled children, a very worthwhile cause.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB - The "Message From the President" in the club Bulletin is well worth repeating. Here it is:- It was indeed gratifying to see the increased interest in the activities of our club. There was a total of 26 members and guests at our last meeting and we hope that this will continue in the future. We have decided to hold meetings in April, May and June at which time it will be determined as to whether we will hold meetings in the summer. It has been suggested that we hold a picnic and we have a tentative invitation to come to one of our members homes. We feel we are unable to hold a show this year as this requires active participation by the members at the executive level so we hope things will be better next year. We are still alive and hope to continue so.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB -

Everyone was happy when the 12th annual O.N.A. Convention was a thing of the past, happy because everything went off so well, because there were more people than last year, because the auctioneer did better than he had hoped, because the banquet and speaker were so good. The speaker, Dr. James Haxby, was speechless when he won the O.N.A. Award of Merit. All in all, it was a huge success and we are looking forward to just as much of a success in Stratford next year. There are still bronze and silver medals available as a souvenir of the convention.



NORTH YORK COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting four of our members gave brief talks on how they got started collecting coins. These members were Louise Graham, Roger Fox, Paul Johnson and Stan Clute. John DeWyze gave a report on Torex and the club welcomed back Ken Bunnett after an absence due to a heart attack.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The club executive announced at the last meeting the tickets for the 11th annual banquet are all sold out. There is to be a raffle of a set of Olympic Coins and it promises to be a good time for all.

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

The last meeting was well attended in spite of the fact that Frank Rose auction for Torex was on at the same time. A report on the O.N.A. Convention held at Niagara Falls was given by Harvey Farrow and the lucky coin attendance draw was won by John Jones a member of the C.Y.N. Executive.

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CLUB DELEGATE REPORT - O.N.A. CONVENTION - 1974

By C.N. Sharpe, Huronia Numismatic Society Delegate

As your club delegate to the 12th Annual O.N.A. Convention, I would like to make the following report:

The weather both days was very wet but from reports circulating, both the Executive and dealers felt the crowds and Bourse Sales were reasonable. The one disappointing note was the poor turn-out of displays. I feel quite sure we had as many displays at our Fall Mall Show. There were approximately 45 Bourse dealers present. In addition a successful Auction was conducted by R. W. Shillingworth at 1.00 p.m. Saturday. Quality items for sale was high with very good prices resulting. The bus tour featured a visit to the Panasonic Tower, marine Aquarium, Wax Museum, plus additional interesting and historical sites. The tour was approximately 2 hours.

On Saturday evening the banquet was held. The guest speaker was Dr. J. A. Haxby, Deputy Curator, Numismatic Collection, Bank of Canada. His lecture, assisted by slides was on Canadian Paper Money Counterfeits of the past and present. He also had a display of a number of Counterfeit and genuine bills in denominations of \$5.00 - \$10. - \$20. - \$50. and \$100.00. His lecture was very interesting and I am sure that when he finished, he had given the audience lots of reasons to be very careful when handling our everyday paper money. He did point out though that counterfeiters are having a much more difficult time in making our latest multicolor issue of bills.

On Sunday I attended the Delegates Meeting and found it most interesting. The meeting was chaired by our Club Member, W. Gage. Briefly some of the items dealt with are as follows:  
It was suggested that O.N.A. dispense with the supply of O.N.A. Show Cases to member clubs. After some discussion, this motion was defeated. Dwindling O.N.A. memberships and finances were dealt with at length. One suggestion that met with complete agreement was that Clubs offer as a draw prize periodically for 1 year's membership in the O.N.A. Display Case Lay-out at this Convention was also discussed. Majority of Delegates favoured the displays being allotted a spot in display area in the order of receipt and not displayed by type, i.e.



all Decimal together - all paper together, etc.

In closing, it was pointed out that 1975 Convention is slated for Stratford with a couple of other locations looking into the possibility of hosting the 1976 Convention.

Ye Ed - an excellent report, covers everything essentially that took place.

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Can any members help our B.C. friend - if so, please write direct and mention seeing the following letter in our Bulletin.

G. W. Holt,  
1579 Noel Avenue,  
Comox, B.C. V9N 4W8

Dear Sirs:

I am engaged in compiling a Book on Milk Tokens of Canada. I hope to cover all ten provinces and to include all known dairy token issues in every material but paper.

I would like to ask your organization for some help in this matter if I may? I have no knowledge of any token listing for the Province of Ontario and would like to know if there was one ever produced which included milk tokens. I am in possession of Fred Bowman's "Trade Tokens of Ontario" but as you know he does not list dairy tokens in this particular work.

I will require dairy tokens for photography and also catalogueing. I am very desirous of adding to my own personal collection as well. In the latter requirement I would be willing to buy outright or trade my duplicates with any interested individuals.

If I may make a further request of your organization? If any of your membership has any information as to the types of dairy tokens issued the mintage of any tokens or the dates that these tokens were used, would he or she please forward this information to the above address. Such information is extremely hard to come by unless you happen to be right on top of the particular dairy in question and, I am not at liberty to travel extensively, it is impossible for me to obtain it.

If it is not too much trouble could you see that this letter gets out to your membership at large? Any help which I may receive from your organization will be met with the utmost appreciation.

Thank you

Signed: G.W. Holt,  
C.N.A., O.N.A., A.N.A.

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THE UGLY DUCKLING

Thanks to Stan Clute, North York Club & C.Y.N. Messenger

Once upon a time a numismatist bought an auction lot of some 1800 mixed ancient coins. Late one evening, as he was examining the coins he turned one of them between his fingers. It was very unattractive, with nothing visible except a thick, black, granular crust of oxidized material. As he turned the coin in his hand the clock struck midnight and...lo, the coin did not turn into a pumpkin. Instead some of the crust rubbed off and a face became visible, as the man rubbed the coin the rest of it became clear and he found he had a proverbial numismatic "swan" ... the coin was a rare third bronze (AE 3) of the Roman Empress Aelia Eudoxia, in very fine condition, a real "find". Moral: don't get rid of any coin without knowing fairly well what it is, first.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - 1974 MEDALS

Due to increase in silver and gold prices had to be adjusted.

<u>MEDALS</u>		<u>PLASTIC HOLDERS</u>	
BRONZE	\$ 3.50	1 MEDAL	\$ 1.75
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THIS 'N THAT

FIRSTLY - Apologies are due our readers for the lateness of your May (and April) Bulletins. Due entirely to the recent mail dispute your April Bulletin was stranded in Tillsonburg -- and the club news letters which we rely upon to report your various activities were also delayed in the mails, hence holding up preparation of the May Bulletin, so please bear with your editor when you wait till the middle of May for your Association news....

Secondly - Congratulations from your executive and O.N.A. members to the new executive of C.Y.N. May success attend all your efforts this coming year. Also congratulations to your Editor of C.Y.N. Messenger. I think your May issue was an excellent one with something in it for everyone - youngsters and adults.....

Thirdly - Many clubs will have noted, I'm sure, that Ye Ed has missed quite a number of shows this spring, North York (first time in many years), etc. This is due entirely to health reasons, so for the next 3 - 6 months I will not be attending shows as normal, but will be watching your news letters for the results - attendances, etc.....

Finally - A reminder to THOSE CLUBS and MEMBERS who have BORROWED BOOKS from the O.N.A. LIBRARY to RETURN these by return mail to Bill Gage as he would like to make up a complete list of ALL BOOKS for inclusion in our June or July Bulletin; in this regard, if you, club or member, wish to donate any books from your numismatic library, your executive and chairman Bill Gage would be most appreciative.

Until next month, Ye Ed wishes all a nice spring and a long, warm and sunny summer -- Have a good year health-wise - numismatically-wise and family-wise

Sincerely,

Ye Ed