TCC Club Trivia Challenge 2024 - National Coin Week

“A Hobby for a Changing World: 100 Years and Counting”

All responses must be returned by April 16. Please send the completed questionnaire to www.tidewatercoinclub.org or mailed to TCC, P O Box 5247, VA Beach, VA 23471 for a chance to win a prize. Please include your name.

1. Who was the first real-life female to be depicted on US Federal circulating money?

2. What denomination and “experimental” metal was famously used for a US pattern coin that was distributed to members of Congress in 1974?

3. Which organization was the first to have customers pay to have their coins authenticated and graded? What was the first name that it was referred to (i.e. working name)?

4. What organization was the first to encapsulate and grade coins?

5. Who organized the idea of National Coin Week? Who was the ANA President at the time?

6. During the first year of National Coin Week a semi-key coin from a popularly collected series was struck at a US Mint facility. Name the year, mint and denomination of this coin.

7. During the first year of National Coin Week, in order to have a complete set of US minted coins from all of the US Mint facilities, how many coins would be required?

8. How many coins are required to have a complete set of each US minted coins at all of the US Mint facilities during the first year of National Coin Week?

9. How many countries had coins struck at a US Mint facility during the first year of National Coin Week? What were the countries?

10. What well-known die variety and denomination of US coin was accidently struck and then knowingly released by the US Mint? (Hint: It was responsible for kicking off a nationwide coin hunt). Thie event led to the popular collecting of error and die variety coins among general collectors.

11. The organization “The Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors” (CONECA) has led research into the origins of many fantastic error coins. What organizations merged to become CONECA? When did this merger occur?

12. Which US coin design had/has the longest continuous run without any artistic design changes? This excluded changes in the location of mint marks since they are not part of an artist’s design.

13. George Heath first proposed a periodical other than The Numismatist be the “official organ” of the American Numismatic Association. What was the name of this journal and who was the publisher?

14. Members of the ANA during its first years of existence were a musical bunch – activities at conventions included musical performances. At the 1929 ANA convention, two numismatically related songs were sung at one evening’s events. What were the titles of the songs?

15. The 1804 dollar, considered the “King of American Coins”, is so well known that by the end of the 20th century, it was used as a plot device in American television. What are the titles of the episodes of Murder. She Wrote, starring Angela Lansbury, that featured this coin?

16. Since the 20th century, the US government has been concerned with the legality of private ownership of unofficial released and pattern coins. What was the date and denomination of the coin that sold in 2002 for nearly $8 million, but only after major legal battles?