

# WEST GEORGIA COIN CLUB

## INFORMATION FLYER

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**Mondays- Setup: 4pm--- Meeting Starts At 5:30 pm- Raffle At 5:55 pm--Auction Starts: 6:00 pm.**

### Welcome to the West Georgia Coin Club: (WGCC)

**Mission-** *Our purpose is to encourage and promote an interest in numismatics through the cultivation of friendly relations with collectors & dealers, encouragement of amateur collectors, and assisting all people who display an interest in numismatics.*

#### **Today's Metals Prices**

(Last week: Gold \$ 4523.50 Silver \$ 72.85 Platinum \$1952.00)

**Gold** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per oz    **Silver** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per oz    **Platinum** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per

#### **Do you need?**

**Auction sell sheets, applications, junior applications, auction rules/procedures, or a copy of the club "Information Flyer" .....See your club secretary (JB)- Copies of all documents are available.**

### **Coin Spotlight: Shield Nickel- 1866-1883**

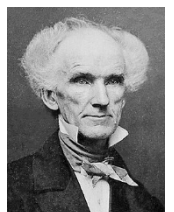
The Shield nickel was the first United States five-cent piece to be made out of copper-nickel, the same alloy of which American nickels are struck today. Designed by James B. Longacre, the coin was issued from 1866 until 1883, when it was replaced by the Liberty Head nickel. The coin takes its name from the motif on its obverse, and was the first five-cent coin referred to as a "nickel"—silver pieces of that denomination had been known as half dimes.

The new coins proved difficult to produce; due to the hardness of the planchet, the coins were not of high quality, and the life of the striking dies was brief. The design of the coins was widely criticized, with Wharton describing the shield design as suggesting "a tombstone surmounted by a cross and overhung by weeping willows. Numismatics describe it as "the ugliest of all known coins. More seriously, the reverse design reminded many of the "stars and bars" motif of the defeated Confederate States. The rays were eliminated from the design in early 1867, in the hopes of eliminating some of the production problems. The transition to the new design occurred on February 1, 1867.      **Shield Obverse**

**Throughout the run. Reverse- Stars & Rays 1866-1867- Stars 1867-1883. (1878-1879 Proofs only)**

**Pattern Coin of 1867- "Indian Pattern"**

**James Longacre**



### **Meet your 2026 WGCC Officers/Officials:**

President: Rick Horne

Head Auctioneer: Chris Evans

Assistant Treasurer: Cal Robinson

Vice-President: Craig Jones

Club Chaplain: O.A. Powers

Asst. Secretary: Teresa Robinson

Treasurer: Chris Evans

Auction Runner- O.A. Powers

Asst. Auctioneer: Eric Dodson

Secretary: James Bouwens (JB)

Asst. Runner: Jacob Buterbaugh



## The Mint Minute:

Take a minute to look over what the U.S. Mint is releasing this month.



American Innovation Dollar  
(Bags and Rolls)- May 12th



Warren G. Harding Silver Medal  
May 13th



Best of the Mint 1916  
Mercury Dime Metal Set-

June 4th



American Eagle 2026 Enhanced



2026 Half Dollar- Enduring Freedom



2026 Gold Proof Buffalo

## Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$20.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$61.00- Thank you Gail O., Joe O., & Ken M.**
- Last week's raffle bought in **\$145.00.** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **13**



(Remember all proceeds go toward club)

## Weekly Secretary Report:

- President- Rick Horne presided over the meeting.
- We had 0 new members joined last week. –
- We had 0 members renew their dues last week.



## Did You Know? The Federal Reserve Act of 1913- Woodrow Wilson

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 establishes the Federal Reserve as the nation's central bank and provides for a national banking system that is more responsive to the fluctuating financial needs of the country. The Federal Reserve Board issues new currency called Federal Reserve notes. The Federal Reserve Board, which is separate from the Treasury Department, issues \$10 Federal Reserve notes featuring Andrew Jackson's portrait in 1914. These notes were printed on the larger note size nicknamed- Horse blankets. (These notes are not backed by gold or silver).



## Attention Members/Dealers - Club Needs:

The club is looking to buy BU/UNC items (at a fair price). A total of 5 mint sets, 5 Kennedy/Bengamin half dollars, and 5 Morgan dollars per month for the weekly raffles. Please see Rick Horne if you wish to sell items to the club.

Reminders: 2026 club dues should have been paid.....

