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PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER



Note from the PSS president

The weather finally decided to cooperate and our December PSS meeting came off without a hitch a month late on January 14. Alain and Liz Steenbeeke hosted 13 members who attended including three members from the east side of the state.

Thanks to all who participated in sharing in our show-and tell program highlighted by a very interesting stein and story from Bruce Martin.

GOOD NEWS!! Because of the delay we only have to wait a few weeks until we can meet again March 4, 2023 at the home of Lyn and Janine Ayers in Vancouver, WA. The sign-up form and directions are on the last page of this issue of Die Kunde. It will be time for a little "Spring Cleaning" so go thru your collection and see if there are any steins you may want to sell, trade, or donate as a raffle prize during the meeting.

I would like to add a small section in our next newsletter for those of us looking for specific steins to fill empty spaces in our personal collections. Send a list to the PSS email address of a few pieces for us to keep an eye out for and Alain will include it in the next newsletter.

May 20 is the date for our summer PSS meeting hosted again by Bernd and Christy Hoffmann. Reserve this date on your calendar.

Two large stein auctions are coming up soon. Ron Fox/Fox Auctions has a wonderful auction on LiveAuctioneers March 12, 2023 soon followed by the next TSACO auction April 3, 2023.

Hope to see all of you in a few weeks!!

Al Hopp

President

January meeting pics



Phil Masenheimer is talking about a stein he brought for show and tell.



Members watching the Seahawks playoff game during the meeting.

Other news:

The SCI convention for 2023 will be held July 27th through the 29th in Dayton, OH. Early bird events including the Fox auction will be on the 25th and 26th. For more details, please go to the SCI website.

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2023 Event Schedule

March 4th- Lyn and Janine Ayers, Vancouver, WA

May 20th- Bernd and Christy Hoffman, Ridgefield, WA

September 10th- Bombing Range Brewery, Tri Cities, WA

December 2nd- Heron's Key dining room, Gig Harbor, WA

If you would like to host a meeting, please let one of the board members know.

Just a reminder, please bring your own beverages of choice from now on to the meetings.

Beer makes men smarter: study

By [CORKY SIEMASZKO](#)

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Beer makes men smarter. So say researchers at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

They found that men with a couple beers under their belts were actually better at solving brain-teasers than their sober counterparts.

To reach that surprising conclusion, the researchers devised a bar game in which 40 men were given three words and told to come up with a fourth that fits the pattern.

For example, the word "cheese" could fit with words like "blue" or "cottage" or "Swiss."

Half the players were given two pints. The other half got nothing.

The result? Those who imbibed solved 40% more of the problems than their sober counterparts.

Also, the drinkers finished their problems in 12 seconds while it took the non-drinkers 15.5 seconds.

"We found at 0.07 blood alcohol, people were worse at working memory tasks, but they were better at creative problem-solving tasks," psychologist [Jennifer](#)

[Wiley](#) reported on the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) site.

Wiley conceded that her findings run counter to popular belief that alcohol hinders analytical thinking and muddies the mind.

"We have this assumption, that being able to focus on one part of a problem or having a lot of expertise is better for problem solving," says Wiley. "But that's not necessarily true. Innovation may happen when people are not so focused. Sometimes it's good to be distracted." It may also help explain why raving drunks like [Ernest Hemingway](#), [John Cheever](#) or [Charles Bukowski](#) were able to write their books.

"Sometimes the really creative stuff comes out when you're having a glass of wine over dinner, or when you're taking a shower," Wiley said.

Researchers also found that men are more likely to solve a problem when working in groups of three rather than two.

"In groups of two, we tend to be more polite, not to confront or ask questions," Wiley said. "But when you respond to a question in a group of three, you're not confronting, you're speaking up for the whole group."

Bell Steins

One type of stein you don't see very often are steins with bell lids on them. They were novelty items, but also could be very useful. The bell sounds much like a bicycle bell, but these are operated by turning the knob on top. When you run out of beer, you can simply ring the bell and summon the waiter or waitress. How easy is that?

The bells are quite loud so it could easily be heard over patrons talking and even singing. These lids would have been specially ordered and put on the stein. That's what I love about steins, there are so many different varieties you can collect.

The stein on the left is a Reinhold Hanke stein model #870. It features a cherub on the front with Prosit. I love the thumb lift on that one with a gnome drinking from a huge stein.

The middle stein is made by Merkelbach and Wick. The saying loosely translates to: Lots of drinking and singing help you get good things.

The stein on the right is unmarked, so it's not known who made it. The owner either hand painted it the stein or had someone do it. It says: Beer here, Beer here, or I fall over. The saying ties in with ringing the bell and asking for more. The decorations feature hearts and Edelweiss flowers.





Alain Steenbeeke is looking for the following steins:

Gerz model number 275B number 1,2 and 4 The number will be roman numerals. Black Whale of Ascalon series



Gerz 275B with master stein

Also Gerz 1345B roman numeral 5. The months depicted on the stein would be September and October.



Gerz 1345B with master stein.

New section- Please help me find...

Al Hopp is looking the following steins:

Reinhold Hanke #1584 Horse returning hat to fallen rider.

Merkelbach and Wick #1175 Gnomes rolling dice

Both are the fourth stein in a series of four.

Steins marked THOH, TOH or Kakam (Theodore Otto Hahn)

PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

Saturday, March 4th at the home of Lyn and Janine Ayers

3814 V St., Vancouver, WA 98663 (360) 693-0025

11:30 am - Board Meeting

12:00 - Social Hour, Stein viewing/buying/trading

1:30 pm - Dinner (meal included, but bring your own beverage)

3:00 pm - General Membership Meeting

3:30pm - Program: Lyn Ayers will be doing a presentation

Bring steins if you want to sell any and money to buy some

Driving Directions: Northbound on I-5: Take exit 2 (39th St/SR500) exit to the east. Take first exit off SR500 (St Johns Blvd) (about ½ mile). Turn right at the top of the off ramp at the light. On St John's (roughly southwest direction) drive to the first stoplight (about 200 yards). Turn right on 33rd st. and drive to V st. about ¼ mile. Turn right on V st. and drive to the end of V St. 5 blocks. The house is the last house on the left with a brick mailbox.

Southbound on I-5: Take exit 2 (39th St/SR500) exit to the east. Take first exit off SR500 (St. John's Blvd) (about ½ mile). Turn right at the top of the off ramp at the light. On St John's (roughly southwest direction) drive to the first stoplight (about 200 yards). Turn right on 33rd st. and drive to V st. about ¼ mile. Turn right on V st. and drive to the end of V St. 5 blocks. The house is the last house on the left with a brick mailbox.

Park on driveway or neighboring streets. Call 360-693-0025 for assistance

RESERVATION FORM - PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

March 4th , 2023 at the home of Lynn and Janine Ayers in Vancouver, WA

NAME(S)_____

Number of party: ____ Please send \$20/person or make arrangements to pay Lyn at the event

Mail by March 1st, payable to: Lyn Ayers 2814 V St., Vancouver, WA 98663 (360) 693-0025