

DIE KRUGE

August 2024



PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER



Note from the PSS president

To my PSS friends,

I hope everyone added many "hot" steins to their collections to go along with our very hot summer.

Many thanks to Bernd and Christy Hoffmann for again hosting our May meeting and sharing with us their fantastic collection.

Several of our California friends traveled to our meeting and it was very nice to share stories with them.

As we head into fall, our September 7th PSS meeting will be hosted by Alain and Liz Steenbeeke at their Puyallup, WA home. Alain will do a presentation about Jean-Baptiste Stahl and his designs on Mettlach phanolith (fine cameo) steins and I will do a presentation on "JahresKruge", classic stein reproductions from German breweries plus Oktoberfest steins.

Lyn Ayers will provide an update of the recent SCI convention held in Madison, Wisconsin.

Table space is available for anyone bringing steins for sale and trade and I hope we will have a large selection. Alain told me he will have a lot this time

with a wide variety of steins. Go through your collections and find something to contribute. Directions to the Steenbeeke home are on the last page and an RSVP is needed if you will be able to attend so we will know how much food to prepare. Water and pop will be provided by PSS, but you may bring your own beer, wine, or other beverage.

There are two stein auctions this fall by Fox Auctions and the Clark Auctions of Texas. Exact dates are not yet set but we will let you know at the meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing my stein friends in a few weeks and don't forget to RSVP to the Steenbeekes.

Al Hopp

President - Pacific Stein Sammler

Note from the editor

The upcoming meeting will be a lot of fun and will be Oktoberfest themed. There will be Oktoberfest decorations and photo opportunities as well as

Oktoberfest music. Along with that theme there will be brats and Al's famous red cabbage as well as BBQ'ed chicken and yummy potatoes and a delicious desert. If you have a special dietary need, please let me know ahead of time.

You can RSVP with the notification at the bottom of the newsletter, or you can call or text me at 253-241-1843 and let me know you will be attending. You can then just pay me at the meeting. That way you don't have to mail a check.

Thanks to Al for providing an interesting article for Die Kunde. If you would like to contribute an article for future newsletters, please do so.

Alain

Here are some pics of our last meeting at the Hoffman house.



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2024 PSS Event Schedule

September 7th Alain and Liz Steenbeeke's home in Puyallup, WA

December 7th Gig Harbor, WA

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

For those who may be interested, here are the dates and events for Die Golden Gate Zecher club:

Saturday September 21, 2024

Dick and Julie Hughes' Home

Location: Belmont

Program: Steve Steigerwald on Mettlach

Sunday December 8, 2024

Speisekammer Restaurant (11AM—4PM)

Location: Alameda

Saturday April 12, 2025

Les Paul and TuC's Home

Location: Alameda

June TBD, 2025

Host: TBD

Location: TBD

September TBD, 2025

Bill and Rhoda Fry's Home

Location: Cupertino

December TBD, 2025

Speisekammer Restaurant

Location: Alameda

Figural Character Steins of two German Leaders

Figural character steins are a very popular area of interest for many stein collectors. They can include everything from animals, whimsical and allegorical creatures, political and military leaders, to simply humorous subjects. For this article I will narrow the focus to two leaders, one political and one military.

The first is Otto von Bismarck (1815-1898). Known as the "Iron Chancellor" he was a diplomat and statesman and a major part of unifying Germany under a single ruler and leading the country to become a major European power. I have chosen several steins from my collection to illustrate the variety you can find. The first stein is a funny head of Bismarck as a radish (picture 1). This stein and several that follow were made by Schierholz & Sohne (#10). This stein was available in two sizes, 0.3L and 0.5L.



The next two Bismarck steins, #15, (picture 2) show a more military pose and were also made in the 0.3L and 0.5L sizes. Unlike the Bismarck Radish stein this is found in the most common honey color, the very scarce blue color, and the rare and expensive full color. After

WWII full-color reproductions were also made.



The last stein, Schierholz #47, (picture 3) shows the head of Bismarck in a civilian hat and clothes and honey color. Known as "Elderly Bismarck" it also was produced as a painted reproduction circa 1986-1995.



We switch now to the military side with Count Helmuth von Moltke (1800-1891) more commonly known as "Moltke the Elder". Chief of Staff of the Prussian Army from 1858-1888, he planned and led successful wars against France, Denmark, and Austria leading a Germany into the modern Europe. This is another Schierholz stein #60 (picture 4). Honey colored in both 0.5L and 0.4L sizes. Again, there are modern reproductions in honey and full color.



Schierholz was not the only producer to have von Moltke as its subject. Marzi & Remy made two 0.5L steins #809 & #931 with similar bodies but with a variety of heads on the inlaid lids including Moltke. (Picture 5) shows #931.

These stein bodies also had inlaid lids with other heads.



Wick #382. If you see any of these please let me know.



My last stein is Reinhold Hanke #585. (picture 6) 0.5L
this stein is also know with a Bismarck inlay on the same
body. I did a further search and found Moltke steins
made by Hanke #1258, Gerz #373, and Merkelbach &

Enjoy,
Al Hopp
PSS/SCI

Please help me find...

Don't forget to submit your own requests for steins that you are looking for!

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)

Alain Steenbeeke is looking for the following steins:

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



Gerz 275B with master stein

Also Mettlach #3250 and 3251



If you are looking for particular steins please let me know at asteenbeeke1@msn.com or pacificsteindkn@gmail.com. Include pictures if you have them.

PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Home of Alain & Liz Steenbeeke

13207 - 115th Ave. E, Puyallup, WA 98374-3144

(253) 241-1843

11:30 am - Board Meeting

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

~1:30 pm – Lunch/Dinner

~2:30 pm - General Membership Meeting

3:00pm - Program: Alain will talk about Jean-Baptiste Stahl Mettlach phanolith steins then Al will talk about Oktoberfest and Jahre Krug steins

As always, bring any steins you want to sell or bring money to buy from others

Driving Directions: Northbound on I-5: Take exit 127 to Hwy 512 Eastbound. Go about 8 miles and take the 94th Ave exit. Turn right on 94th Ave. (south). Follow 94th Ave about 1.7 miles to 136th St. E and turn left. Go about 1.3 miles to 115th Ave E, turn left. We are the last house on the right side at the end of 115th Ave E with a circular driveway.

Southbound on I-5: Take exit 154 to I-405 northbound. Drive 2 miles to Hwy 167 (Valley Freeway) and go south on Hwy 167. After about 19 miles, merge onto Hwy 512 westbound. After about 4 miles take the 161 South Hill-Eatonville exit near the top of the hill. Turn right at the light to 31st Ave SW. Then turn left at the next light on to 9th St SW. 9th St becomes 94th Ave. Follow 94th Ave. about 2 miles to 136th St. E and turn left. Go about 1.3 miles to 115th Ave E, turn left. We are the last house on the right side at the end of 115th Ave E, with a circular driveway.

Park on driveway or neighboring streets. Call (253) 241-1843 for assistance

Please remember to bring your own beverage of choice

RESERVATION FORM - PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

September 7th, 2024 at the home of Alain & Liz Steenbeeke in Puyallup, WA

NAME(S)_____

Number of party: ____ for the enclosed \$20/person

Mail by September 1st, payable to: Alain Steenbeeke, 13207 - 115th Ave. E, Puyallup, WA 98374-3144

Or call or text 253-241-1843 to let me know how many will be attending