



PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER



Note from the PSS president

Hello my friends,

The holiday season is now upon us and with that, our December PSS winter meeting. Alain and Liz Steenbeeke have agreed to again host our Christmas season meeting at their home in Puyallup, WA. Make sure to save December 10 on your calendar. We are asking everyone to bring a few of their special steins for a show and tell. It is always nice to see new additions to our PSS collections. We will continue our BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) policy to make it a little easier for our hosts. The lunch sign-up form, schedule, and driving directions are on the last page of this Die Kunde.

Special thanks go to Phil and Peggy Masenheimer for their hospitality at our September get-together. The food and friendship was wonderful. Lyn Ayers and Phil gave us an update of the SCI convention in Charleston, SC and Ron Fox was the guest speaker giving a wonderful presentation on stoneware steins.

PSS now has a new Secretary. Scott Freund of Kennewick has agreed to take over those duties. Thanks Scott!!

Locations for our 2023 PSS schedule has been set (subject to modification). March with Lyn and Janine Ayers in Vancouver, May in Ridgefield with Bernd and Christy Hoffman, September in the Tri-Cities at Bombing Range Brewery, and December with Alain and Liz in Puyallup.

Remember to bring a few stein treasures for our show and tell along with any steins you may wish to sell. Hope to see everyone in a few weeks.

Al Hopp

Here are some pics from the September meeting



Ron Fox is doing his presentation



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Future Events

Dec. 10th 2022- Alain & Liz Steenbeeke, Puyallup, WA

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 9th- Alain & Liz Steenbeeke, Puyallup, WA

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

The group has decided that buying beverages for attendees at the meetings are hard because people have different tastes. Therefore, until further notice, please bring your own favorite beverages to the meetings.



Other news:

The main 2023 SCI convention has been announced and will be July 25th through the 29th. There will be an auction by Ron Fox on the 26th. The convention will be at the Marriott at University of Dayton. More details are on the flyer which was also attached to the Email this newsletter was sent with.

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Tennis Themed Steins

Over the centuries steins have been decorated with thousands of designs and themes. Courting, floral, religious, historical, mythical, political, and even humorous scenes appeared. In the 19th century recreational and sporting scenes began to be featured from various manufacturers. This article focuses on one of my favorites, tennis.

Tennis appeared hundreds of years earlier in a variety of forms. Palm tennis, played without rackets and even hourglass shaped courts were some of the first additions. The rules, with periodic slight modifications, changed in 1875 into what we know today as Lawn Tennis. Clothing and technique have greatly changed as we will see. I am including pictures of tennis steins from my own collection to illustrate this evolution.

The first piece is not a stein but a Mettlach beaker, #1235/2327, and made in 1907. One of a set of 6 .25L beakers showing young children and the only one with a tennis racket (and holding a mug of beer).



My first stein was made by Matthias Girmsheid, #1226, 1L and signed KB (Anton "Karl" Beuler). It has a figural lid featuring tennis balls and the inscription says "The noble game of tennis brings much joy. Tennis you noble sport, we cultivate you wherever you go". The racket in relief shows one of the early shapes.



The next two etched steins, both .5L, were made by Hauber & Reuther, #1002, and are found with both white and red backgrounds. Again these steins show the changes in racket shape and the clothing styles worn by the women playing the game. An

almost identical design was produced by Merkelbach and Wick, #3052.



Stein #4 was produced by Reinhold Hanke. Also an etched .5L, #1914. This is one of my favorites and shows both men and women playing mixed doubles. The men wearing long pants and rolled up sleeves and the women in long skirts. The racket shapes are more similar to what we would see today. The inscription says "With games and joking the heart stays happy". Maybe this refers only to the team that wins?!



The 5th stein shows two men playing tennis with an observer or possibly an umpire. It is a .5L made by Delft with the Delft mark on the base and the typical Delft blue on tin-glazed earthenware. Again the men are playing with rolled up sleeves and long pants. The inlaid lid shows a sailboat.



If you know of any other tennis related steins please let me know.

Al Hopp

The last stein is a modern piece, .5L circa 1964-1990s, from Marzi & Remy and marked on the base. It shows a man and a woman playing tennis with wood rackets, a tank-top and short sleeve shirt, and shorts.

PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

Saturday, December 10, 2022 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: Bring your favorite stein(s) for show and tell

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

December 10, 2022 at the home of Alain & Liz Steenbeeke in Puyallup, WA

NAME(S)_____

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

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