

25th Convention

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S.C.I. CONVENTION XXV

JULY 3 - 6, 1991

DRAKE HOTEL

CHICAGO, IL



Master Steinologist: Kurt Sommerich

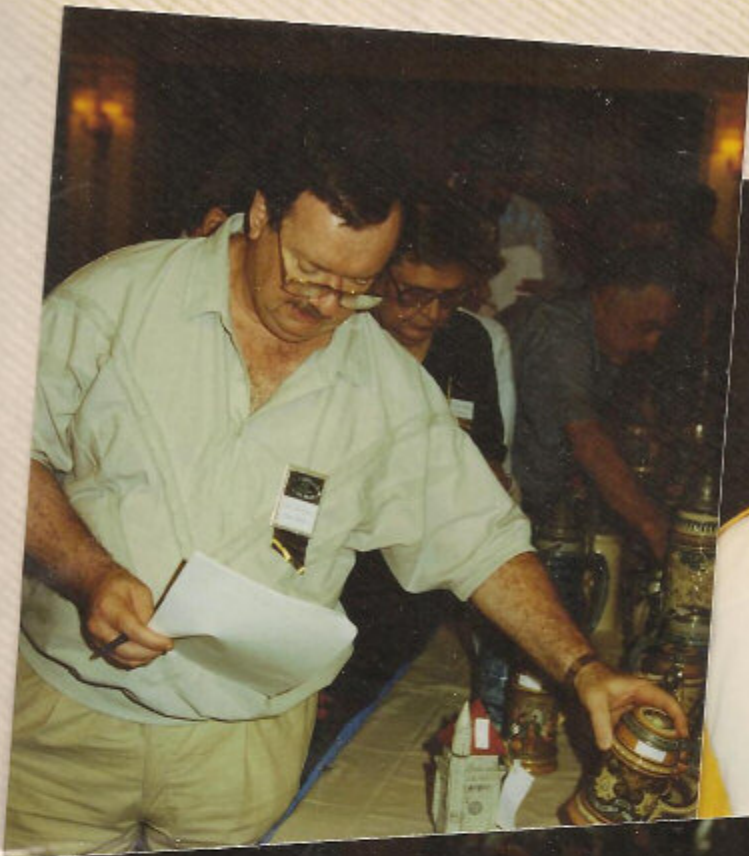
Jack Heimann Service Award: Les Paul

Miss Beer Stein: Cam Smith

Mr. Beer Stein: Stan Lola



















Reflections On "Silver Reflections"

Our 25th Anniversary bash in Chicago was a party not to be forgotten. The 316 SCI members in attendance had a rousing good time, probably bushed from all of the activities, but suitably refreshed by the fine fellowship, the good food and free beer, to plan ahead for another 25 years of SCI.

First we must congratulate the co-chairmen, George Misch and Bob Smith, and their efficient, hard-working Meister Steiners staff, on a meticulously planned and expertly carried out convention. As George would say, "you did good." Everything clicked, all went as planned and the emphasis was on giving the conventioners the time of their life: A convention to remember.

The Awards

Awards were presented at the opening session on Thursday, so that the recipients could properly bask in their glory for the entire duration:

Master Steinologist:
Kurt Sommerich
Jack Heimann Service Award:
Les Paul
Miss Beer Stein:
Camille Smith
Mister Beer Stein:
Stan Loula

Winners of the several contests on "German Night" at the *Zum Deutschen Eck* restaurant were:

Women's costume contest:
Virginia Scheller
Men's costume contest:
Les Hopper
Beer drinking contest:
the California team



Executive Director Pat Manusov, opening the Annual Meeting



Pat Manusov and Jack Heimann Service Awardee, Les Paul

(The beer drinking event was not the usual chug-a-lug, but rather a contest to see which team of four could first empty a 1-liter stein by slurping the beer through long straws. While only one winning team emerged, all were pretty close.)

Election Results

The officers for 1991/1992 were elected as follows:

President: Ron Heiligenstein
1st Vice-president: Frank McDowell
2nd Vice-president: Lester Hopper
Secretary: Patricia Jahn
Treasurer: Walter Vogdes
Editor, *Prosit*: Jack Lowenstein

Patricia Manusov, Executive Director, was not up for election, since she has one more year to serve in her current term of office.

The Program

The program was a most varied and educational one. It all started with two excellent lectures on Thursday: Ron Heiligenstein gave a multi-projector slide lecture



Master Steinologists: Ron Heiligenstein (1990) and Kurt Sommerich (1991), both from Milwaukee!



Gary Kirsner's auction: No shortage of steins here

on regimental stein characteristics, while Terry Hill spoke about Munich artist Ludwig Hohlwein, showing a number of Hohlwein's stamp, poster and beer stein designs and illustrations.

Friday morning lectures were led off by Beatrix Adler, who asked the question, "what is art?" This was followed by a look at the science and alchemy of salt-glazed stoneware, by Jack Lowenstein. Concluding on Saturday morning were Russ and Doris Kemp, who fascinated the audience with their illustrated talk on antique and art collectors' jewelry.

Not on the program, but enjoyed by most conventioners was Chicago's fabulous 4th of July fireworks display over the lake—on July 3rd! Together with about a million others we relished (survived?) the "Taste of Chicago" event in Grant Park, followed by the magnificent fireworks.

Also on the program: A special fashion show sponsored by *Sak's Fifth Avenue* for the ladies (did any men sneak in?); a wonderful balloon-decorated Thursday evening dinner—finished off with parade of chefs carrying in plates of Baked Alaska dessert; Tom McClelland's humorous, yet poignant, re-telling of how it all started; the beer-and-music-filled German (Cont'd. on page 2228)



Camille Smith, 1991's Miss Beer Stein, Stan Loula, Mister Beer Stein, and perpetual "crown maker," Claire Hill







Tom McClelland: "Don't bother me, kid"

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Evening; the well-stocked hospitality suite; the 6-hour commercial auction with its super-fine selection of steins and plaques; the Saturday afternoon members' auction where conventioners got one final chance at obtaining that special stein; literally hundreds of door prizes; and—to top it all off—the Saturday evening gala "Silver Reflections Ball."

For this final event everyone was dressed in their finest, with several diners appropriately dressed in silver and black in honor of the occasion. But what was that oversized penguin doing there (and where did Les Paul disappear to)? The supper was superb, the music delightful (and not too loud), the glance backward at past conventions by Jack Lowenstein gave us a chance to reminisce, cameras clicked almost continuously, and the evening ended too soon—for everyone was indeed caught in the mood and charm of the "Silver Reflections."

Truly a marvelous and memorable 25th Anniversary Convention. All who attended will surely occasionally look at their elegant black and silver Convention Commemorative Stein and fondly recall those wonderful days in Chicago in July 1991. Thank you, Meister Steiners, for an unforgettable experience: **Silver Reflections.**

J.G.L.



The Thirsty Knight crew (NY/NJ) at "Zum Deutschen Eck" (that's Ralph Agostini under that Heidelberg student cap)



Drinking beer the hard way . . . !



Roland Henschen and Les Hopper—or is it the other way around?



The pennant is passed: Chicago to San Francisco, site of the 1992 SCI convention; that's George Misch, Bob Smith and Les Paul



Heeeeere's Tom...



Jim Kaiser gets his mini-stein award from Frank Poppie

Regimental Tells a Story

by W.E. Eden

To begin with, I am not an expert on regimental steins. My limited knowledge has been acquired mostly through Major John Harrel's detailed and informative book, titled *Regimental Steins*. But I believe the subject of this article is a most unusual and possibly rare regimental.



Relying on a friend's translation of the German words on this stein, the inscription on the banner just above the crown on the front reads, "In Service at the Draft Horse Detachment (Bespannungs Abteilung) No. 3." This is the only organizational title shown. The unit's base of operation was Mainz in the province of Hesse, where Reservist Appel, the owner of the stein, served from 1901-1903.

The remainder of the inscriptions on this stein read like an abbreviated job description for this Draft Horse Detachment, which was totally a support group consisting of 27 soldiers listed on the front roster.

Most operational type regimentals tend to glamorize their missions and functions via action-oriented illustrations. But how can one romanticize the control and use of draft horses whose primary job appears to be the movement of heavy artillery weapons? We can only speculate as to how reservist Appel might have described his duties as related on his stein. Not a bad looking 1/2-liter porcelain regimental, with a mounted horseman finial and three panels which show soldiers relaxing around a campfire, a social scene in the town square, and a group of mounted soldiers with swords drawn dashing up a hill toward some real or imaginary objective.



**Stein Collectors
International, Inc.
Minutes of Board Meeting—
July 3, 1991
Chicago, Illinois**

1. The Annual Board Meeting of Stein Collectors International, Inc. was called to order at 8:28 A.M. at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois by president Bill Mitchell.

Frank McDowell was appointed time keeper.

3. Several additions and deletions were made to the agenda.

4. Walt Vogdes read the credentials committee report. Seventeen chapters have been certified as voting members for the 1991 Board Meeting.

5. A roll call by the secretary Pat Jahn showed the following in attendance:

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| President | Bill Mitchell |
| 1st Vice-President | Terry Hill |
| 2nd Vice-President | Jim DeMars |
| Secretary | Pat Jahn |
| Treasurer | Walt Vogdes |
| Executive Director | Pat Manusov |
| Managing Editor
"Prosit" | Jack Lowenstein |
| Bayou Stein Verein | Lester Hopper |
| Buckeye Stein Verein | Frank McDowell |
| Erste Gruppe | Mary Durban-
Moloney |
| Gambrinus | John Stuart |
| Gateway Steiners | Bill Schuble |
| Golden Gate Zechers | Les Paul |
| Lustigen Steinjäger | Don Birschel |
| Meister Steiners | Al Hoch |
| Mettlach Steinzeug
Sammler | Beatrix Adler |
| Michisteiners | Ronald Koryto |
| Pacific Stein Sammler | John McGregor |
| Pennsylvania
Keysteiners | John Mertz |

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| Sun Steiners | Harry Iseltzer |
| Thirsty Knights | William Trainer |
| Upper Midwest
Steinologists | Arlen Anderson |
| Museum Director | Joy Bosworth |
| Trustee | Deszo Ladanyi |
| Ethics Committee
Chairman | Gene Manusov |
| Parliamentarian | Deszo Ladanyi |

6. Jack Lowenstein made a motion and it was seconded, that the minutes of the 1990 Board Meeting be accepted without a reading since they had been distributed to all members in advance. Motion passed. There were no corrections or additions.

7. Pat Jahn moved that the Board accept the treasurer's report presented by Walt Vogdes. It was seconded and the motion was passed.

8. 2nd vice-president and membership chairman Jim DeMars reported a current membership of approximately 1600. Jim also gave a detailed report on the SCI advertising program for 1990/91. There were 270 inquiries this year, for a combined total of 1,029 for 1987 through 1991. Expenditures for 1990/91 were a little over \$900. Largest single success was the article in *Delta Airlines* in-flight magazine which was arranged by Gary Kirsner. This resulted in 95 inquiries.

9. Committee Reports

a. Pat Jahn read the report of the Nominating Committee, presenting the slate of officers for 1991-92:

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| President - 2 Years: | Ron Heiligenstein |
| 1st Vice-President -
1 year: | Frank McDowell |
| 2nd Vice-President -
2 years: | Les Hopper |
| Secretary - 1 year: | Pat Jahn |
| Treasurer - 2 years: | Walt Vogdes |
| Editor "Prosit" -
2 years: | Jack Lowenstein |

b. Pat Manusov, executive director, announced there would be a "Jack Heimann Memorial Service Award" for 1991.

c. Joy Bosworth, museum director, reported that the museum was moving ahead and that Operating Procedures for the museum would be presented later in the meeting. Joy stated that a good response has been received from members.

d. Martin Jahn, Bylaw Committee chairman, had presented the committee's report in writing. Regarding the motion on terms of executive board officers as proposed by Sun Steiners, the committee concurred with the motion.

e. Gene Manusov, Ethics Committee chairman, reported that there were no ethics cases during 1990/91.

f. Jack Lowenstein announced that a Master Steinologist for 1991 had been chosen.

10. Old Business

a. Therese Thomas, Mettlach Steinzeug Sammler, which hosted the 1990 Convention in Hamburg, Germany, was not present and did not send a post-convention report.

b. Bob Fausner stated that the Golden Gate Zechers will host the 1992 convention in San Francisco, California, beginning June 30 with a wine country tour for the early birds. The convention will be held from July 1 through July 4 at the *Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Hotel* (across from the San Francisco Ferry Terminal).

c. Claudia Delzoppo, Upper Midwest Steinologists, announced they will host the 1993 convention, to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota. Early bird day will be September 1 and the convention will run to Sunday, September 5, 1993.

3. Les Hopper, Bayou Stein Verein, announced the 1994 convention will be at the *Intercontinental Hotel*, New Orleans, from July 12 through the 17th.

e. Pat Manusov reported on directors' liability insurance which would cost SCI approximately \$2,500 per year. Pat is trying to negotiate a lesser rate.

f. Walt Vogdes stated that the 1990 Membership Directory has been distributed. The cost was \$4,500.

g. Pat Jahn made a motion to accept the Museum Operating Procedures as presented. It was seconded and after discussion, Pat amended her motion to alter page 5, Section 4. Treasurer, last sentence to read "A separate accounting shall be maintained for the museum." The amended motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

11. New Business

a. Deszo Ladanyi was appointed Parliamentarian for 1992.

b. Pat Jahn, secretary, made the following motion to be added to the Standing Rules: "The SCI Trustees shall be the President, the Secretary and the Executive Director." It was seconded but after discussion the motion was amended by Pat that this be added to the Bylaws. Amended motion was seconded. The vote was 10 in favor; 10 opposed. The motion failing to reach a two-thirds majority was defeated.

c. Pat Jahn, secretary, made the following motion to be added to the Standing Rules: "The SCI Board Meeting shall be held on the first official day of the convention. The SCI General Meeting shall be held sometime following the board meeting." The motion was seconded. The motion failed to pass.

d. Pat Manusov, executive director, explained the Franklin Mint Program. They will use the SCI name on an offering of 12 beer steins for which SCI will be paid \$2500, plus receive two sets of the steins. They will initially market the steins in Europe. Pat will try to get

CONVENTION COMMITTEES 1991 "SILVER REFLECTIONS"

Convention Co-Chairmen
George Misch and Bob Smith

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| ★ Thursday Dinner
Fran Misch | ★ Registration and
Disbursement
Stan and Lois Loula |
| ★ Friday Dinner
Alan Harrell, Wayne
Pitra & Bob Smith | ★ Publicity
Stan Loula, Bob Smith
and George Misch |
| ★ Saturday Dinner
Pat Jahn | ★ Printing
Bob Smith |
| ★ Convention Stein
George Misch and
Bob Smith | ★ Welcome Packages
George and Fran
Misch |
| ★ Contribution
Soliciting
Pat Mickow, George
Misch and Bob Smith | ★ Stein Sale Room and
Security
Bob and Cam Smith
Ludwig and Ella Bauer |
| ★ Members' Stein
Auction
Jack Strand | ★ Women's Guest
Activities
Cam Smith and Fran
Misch |
| ★ Hospitality Suite
Cam Smith and Fran
Misch | |
| ★ Speakers
George Misch | |

*And Our Thanks To The Other Meister Steiner
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SPECIAL MENTION:

Miss Beer Stein Crown — Claire Hill
Speakers — Ron Heiligenstein, Terry Hill, Beatrix
Adler, Jack Lowenstein, Russ and Doris Kemp
Fashion Show — Nena Ivon and Sak's Fifth Avenue



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CHICAGO

The Drake

"On Chicago's Magnificent Mile"

July 4-6, 1991

Host: Meister Steiners

