

30th Convention

July 1996

S.C.I. CONVENTION XXX

JULY 2 - 6, 1996

HARRISBURG MARRIOTT

HARRISBURG, PA



Master Steinologist: Les Hopper

Jack Lowenstein Editor's Award: Steve Steigerwald

Miss Beer Stein: Peg Baldwin

Best Contemporary Stein: Corona Iguana

Mfd.: Albert Stahl & Co.



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CONVENTION STATISTICS

TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	353
TOTAL FIRST TIMERS	51
STEIN SALE TABLES	50
TOTAL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED	4
TOTAL STATES REPRESENTED	32
TOTAL CHAPTERS REPRESENTED	25

Press Release

Stein Collectors International Picks Best Contemporary Steins

Attendees at the 30th annual Stein Collectors International (SCI) Convention in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania were recently given a rare opportunity to view over 75 of the best available contemporary beer steins from eleven manufacturers at SCI's first "Contemporary Stein Display and Competition". Three of those steins were selected for special recognition by a blue-ribbon panel of expert judges and "Master Steinologists".

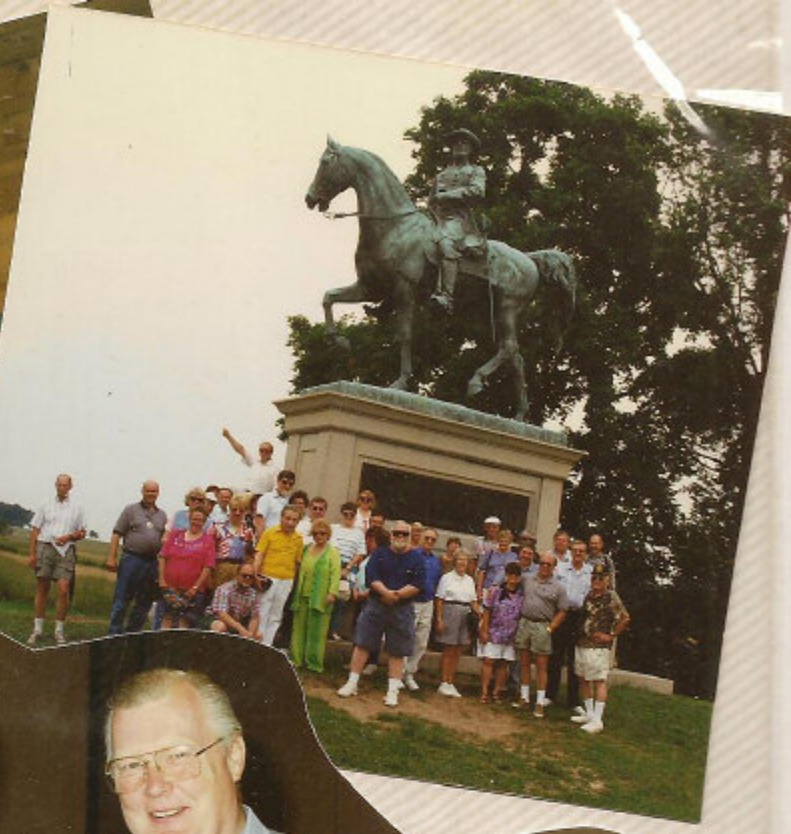
The winning entries were:

manufactured by Albert Stahl & Company; **Best Contemporary Stein** — 1996, a *Corona Iguana* stein manufactured by Neuschwanstein Castle in Winter stein, manufactured by WW Team; and **Best Contemporary Stein** — *American Theme*, a *Ford Mustang* stein, manufactured by S.P. Gerz GmbH.

The highly successful competition represented a significant break with tradition for SCI, which has historically concentrated its efforts almost exclusively on antique beer steins and related items. The event is one of a series of efforts planned by SCI to broaden its membership base, particularly among younger collectors.







STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL 1996 CONVENTION

The 30th Annual Convention of Stein Collectors International will be held at the Harrisburg Marriott, Harrisburg, PA, on 4 through 6 July 1996. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Keystoneers Chapter, an attendance of over 350 is expected from all over the world.

Preconvention activities include a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield on July 2nd and a commercial stein auction by Gary Kirsner Auctions on July 3rd. The Tarnished Six, a band from State College, will entertain at a gourmet dinner following the auction.

Following the opening meeting and stein lecture on the 4th, all attendees will visit the Amish country of Lancaster County and be treated to a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch supper with entertainment by a group of Mummers from Philadelphia.

On Friday, following lectures and round table discussions on interesting stein topics, stein sales rooms will provide ample opportunity for members to add to their collections. Friday evening's entertainment will be German Night with German cuisine, entertainment by the schuhplattler group from the Lancaster Liederkrantz and music by Walt Groller and his orchestra.

Following stein lectures on Saturday, a members' auction will be held. A dinner dance will close the convention Saturday night. The Herm Miller Orchestra with its big band sound will provide the music.

A highlight of the convention will be a contemporary stein contest to select the best stein in three categories. Fourteen stein manufacturing companies from around the world will be competing.

Stein Collectors International is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and understanding of the art, culture and manufacture of beer steins, drinking vessels and related items, from antiquity to modern times.

For further information about Stein Collectors International, contact Norman Medow, Dept. CONV, 225 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10021. For information on the Pennsylvania Keystoneers and the convention, contact Jack Rives, 570 Marlborough Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3923.

**Stein Collectors
International, Inc.
Minutes of Board of
Trustees Meeting
July 3, 1996
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by the President, Lester Hopper.
2. The President appointed the Parliamentarian, Steve Steigerwald, to be the Time Keeper.
3. The President announced the following additions to the agenda:
Item 13civ - Criteria and Procedure for selecting Master Steinologist.
Item 13di - Bids for 2000 Convention - Texas - Mettlach.
Item 13ei - Disposition of income from sale of old *Prosits*.
Item 13eii - Discontinue supplying President's and Past President's pins for Chapters.
Item 13eiii - Advertising in *Prosit*.
4. Norman Paratore presented the Credentials Committee report. There are 22 Chapters certified with voting privileges, six chartered without voting privileges, and three with insufficient members to be chartered.
5. The roll call of membership by the Secretary was as follows:
Present -
Lester Hopper, President
Robert Faussner, 1st Vice President
Norman Medow, 2nd Vice President
Norman Paratore, Treasurer
Rich Cress, Editor of *Prosit*
Pat Jahn, Executive Director
James Talley, Secretary
Pat Manusov, Museum Director
Carol Hopper, Bayou Stein Verein
Lois Wagenknecht, Buckeye Stein Verein
Gene Manusov, Erste Gruppe
Frank Loevi, Gambrinus Stein Club
Bill Mitchell, Gateway Steiners
Les Paul, Golden Gate Zecher
Dave Cantwell, Lone Star Chapter
Ron Heiligenstein, Lustigen Steinjaeger
Martin Jahn, Meistersteiners
Mary Durban, Mettlach Steinzeug Sammler
Ron Koryto, Michisteiners
Philip Masenheimer, Pacific Stein Sammler
John Mertz, Pennsylvania Keystoneers
Jim Rooney, Rocky Mountain Steiners

Richard Johanson, Studenten Prinz Gruppe
Hank Naetzker, Sun Steiners
Ron Fox, Thirsty Knights
Gerry Mirabito, Sr., Uppersteiners of NY State
Craig Zimmerman, Western Ohio
Spencer Wessling, Desert Steiners
Jean Ernst, Hoosier Stein Verein
Marshall Smith, Kansas/Missouri Stein Collectors
John Kelly, NC/SC Chapter
David Harr, New England Steiners

Absent -

Alte Germanan
Mitterlander Steingruppe
Upper Midwest Steinologists
Thoroughbred Stein Verein

Also present was:

Steve Steigerwald, Parliamentarian

6. It was moved by Heiligenstein and seconded by Masenheimer that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as distributed. Motion carried.
7. The Treasurer's report was presented by Norman Paratore. It was accepted by the Chair.
8. Robert Faussner, 1st Vice President, briefly reviewed the plans for the next three conventions and stated that the plans for all three were progressing nicely.
9. Norman Medow, 2nd Vice President, reported that membership has been hovering around 1500 for the past three years. He stated that we seem to be getting more responses from the Internet than previously.
10. Rich Cress, Editor of *Prosit*, reported that things are going well with *Prosit*.
11. Committee Reports:
 - a. The Nominating Committee Chairman, Floyd Dietlein, presented the following slate:
1st Vice President - Robert Faussner
Secretary - James C. Talley
Executive Director - Glenna Scheer
 - b. Pat Manusov, Museum Director, reported that besides the routine activities she has been compiling files of the Chapter Newsletters. Also she emphasized the project to get Chapters to make videos of their speakers for the Library.
 - c. Les Whitham, Chairman of the Ethics Committee, reported that they had two complaints which were resolved. Also,

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one old one resurfaced and the parties involved are trying to resolve it.

d. Craig Zimmerman presented the Financial Review Committee Report. He stated that he found nothing that would be considered suspicious. He repeated his recommendation of the previous year that SCI purchase a computer accounting package for the Treasurer's use.

12. Old Business:

a. Ron Heiligenstein, 1995 Convention Co-Chairman, reported that their attendance had been 452 and that they had been able to refund \$25.00 to each registrant making the net convention fee \$300.00. He stated that they were most pleased to have been selected to host the 1995 Convention.

b. Phil Masenheimer reported that the 1997 Convention will be in Seattle from August 29 to September 1.

c. Dave Harr reported that the 1998 Convention will be over the 4th of July in Cambridge, MA.

d. Jim Rooney reported that the 1999 Convention will be at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Denver from July 2 through July 4.

13. New Business:

a. A report was made by the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Frank Loevi, Jr.

b. It was moved by Hopper and seconded by Koryto that the Standing Rules be amended as follows: The logo illustrated below shall be the official logo of Stein Collectors International, Inc. Motion carried. (It was suggested that new pins not be ordered until the present supply is used.

13ci. A motion to amend the Standing Rules was presented by Gene Manusov that all motions, proposed amendments, etc.

a. must be submitted to the Secretary no later than 90 days prior to the general meeting of the Board of Trustees.

b. may be submitted by any official, paid member of SCI, Committee or Chapter in good standing.

c. notice of proposed amendments shall be sent to all Chapters in good standing at least 60 days prior to the general meeting.

There was a lot of agreement with what the proposed motion attempted to accomplish; however, the general feeling was that it would probably create a whole new set of problems because of its inflexibility. The proposed motion was withdrawn. As an alternative it was requested that the Secretary contact the Chapters sufficiently in advance with a reminder so that they can submit any proposed motions, etc. 90 days in advance.

cii. The following motion to amend the section of the Standing Rules that deals with Ethics was made by Whitham and seconded by Heiligenstein:

Item 11. It is the responsibility of the buyer and the seller to check the condition of an item at the time of the sale or when the item is received by the buyer. If a discrepancy in condition is discovered, the buyer must notify the seller and give the seller an opportunity to rectify the situation. Ethically this must be done before making accusations against the seller's integrity. Motion carried.

13ciii. It was moved by Loevi and seconded by Gene Manusov that the Standing Rules be amended as follows:

The duties of the Bylaw Committee are as follows:

1. Receive or initiate all proposals to amend the Bylaws and Standing Rules.
2. Review any proposed amendment to ensure that:
 - a. It is within the realm of a bylaw or standing rule;
 - b. It properly designates the portion of the Bylaws or Standing Rules to be amended;
 - c. It is written in the correct format;
 - d. It accounts for any potential conflict with existing bylaws or standing rules.
3. Formulate Committee recommendations on said proposals.
4. Perform a periodic review of the current Bylaws and Standing Rules. Report to the Board of Trustees at the annual

meeting on all proposed amendments. Motion carried.

13civ. It was moved by Pat Jahn and seconded by Heiligenstein that the following amendment to the Standing Rules be adopted to be effective until the next annual Board of Trustees meeting at which time the Master Steinologists shall submit their own proposed standing rule:

A rule to define the criteria and establish the procedure under which the Master Steinologist will be selected.

Criteria:

Member in good standing of SCI
Author of many quality stein articles published in *Prosit*
Speaks at conventions, chapters or other localities on stein subject
Knowledge in any area of stein collecting to be considered i.e. specific manufacturers, newer steins, plaques, other types of drinking vessels, etc.

Procedure:

President to appoint chairman annually
Chairman selects two (2) additional Master Steinologists to serve as nominating committee
Chairman places article in March *Prosit* advising members to submit names for consideration prior to April 1 of each year to chapters to suggest candidates to Chairman and to be received prior to April 1 of each year
Chairman and committee select nominees (not to exceed 3)
Chairman prepares ballot of nominees plus abstain along with qualifications of those nominated and submits ballot to all Master Steinologists. Ballot must be returned no later than April 30 of each year
Chairman does not vote except in a case of a tie
In order to be named Master Steinologist, a nominee must receive 40% of the votes cast (including those for an "abstain"), i.e. 20 Master Steinologists vote recipient must receive 8 votes. If no nominee receives the required number of votes, the award will not be conferred that year.
During the first week of May the Chairman will advise only the Executive Director of the name of the recipient
The Executive Director will obtain an appropriate award to be presented by the Executive Director at the next annual Convention.

Note: If a convention is held earlier than the beginning of July, the dates will need

to be altered to accommodate same. Motion carried.

13si. Dave Cantwell presented a proposal on behalf of the Lone Star Chapter that they be approved to host the 2000 Convention in Houston. Mary Durban presented a request by Therese Thomas that the Mettlach Steinzeug Sammlers be approved to host the 2000 Convention in Dresden, Germany. After considerable discussion it was decided by the Board to award the 2000 Convention to the Lone Star Chapter.

13ei. It was moved by Paratore and seconded by Cress that the Standing Rules be amended to specify that the income from the sale of back issues of *Prosit* be credited to the SCI General Fund effective immediately. Motion carried.

13eii. It was moved by Pat Jahn and seconded by Mertz that President's pins and Past President's pins shall no longer be provided by SCI and that the current supply of President's pins be distributed to the Chapters proportionally. Motion carried.

13eiii. It was moved by Loevi and seconded by Fox that the Standing Rules be amended as follows:
Until September 1, 1997, dealer/auction company advertising in *Prosit*, meeting standard acceptability criteria, shall be accepted so long as any proposed sale/auction does not conflict with SCI Convention events. Motion carried.

13eiv. It was moved by P. Manusov and seconded by Talley that the Standing Rules be amended to provide that SCI will no longer continue to have a sanctioned commercial auction at their annual convention beginning in July 1998. Motion defeated.

14. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Talley, Secretary



Stein Collectors International Inc.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 4, 1996

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

John Mertz, President of the Pennsylvania Keystoneers, welcomed everyone to the 30th Convention of SCI. He introduced Convention Co-Chairman, Jack Rives, who, after some announcements, introduced the other Co-Chairman, Clarence Riley.

Lester Hopper, SCI President, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. He thanked various people for their efforts on behalf of SCI during the past year.

The Treasurer, Norman Paratore, gave his report, which will be in *Prosit*. He stated that the losses shown were due to changing from a cash to an accrual accounting system.

Norman Medow, 2nd Vice President, stated that SCI has 1,524 members as of July 1, 1996. He stated that we are getting more membership inquiries from the Internet than in the past.

Pat Manusov, Museum/Library Director, reported, among other things, that 82 members had made donations to the Library in the past year.

Rich Cress, Editor of *Prosit*, stated that *Prosit* is doing well and thanked everyone who had sent in material for *Prosit*. He announced that the winner of the Jack Lowenstein Editor's Award for the best article in *Prosit* in 1995 was Ron Heiligenstein for his article "A Regimental Beer Stein of the Dual Monarchy."

Les Hopper presented the nominating Committee's report: First Vice President - Robert Faussner, Secretary - James C. Talley, Executive Director - Glenna Scheer. The nominees for all three offices were elected by acclamation.

He then presented a plaque to Pat Jahn in recognition of her four years of service as the Executive Director of SCI.

Pat Jahn then gave the Executive Director's report. She first welcomed Glenna Scheer as her successor. She recognized and welcomed all of the first time Convention attendees.

Houston, Texas, was announced as the site of the 2000 Convention. Pat announced next that a new Chapter has been formed in San Diego, California and presented a Chapter President's pin. She presented the first of the new SCI pins to the designer of the pin, Sharon Bruha. Next she presented framed certificates to the Editors of the Chapter Newsletters during the past year: Bayou Stein Verein - Les Hopper, Buckeye Stein Verein - Craig Zimmerman, Erste Gruppe - Ted and Glenna Scheer, Gambrinus - Norman Paratore, Golden Gate Zecher - Harlean Morawietz, Lustigen Steinjaeger - Dick Keely, Hoosier Stein Verein - Kris Kuntz, Meister Steiners - Jackie Kirchgessner, Mitterlander Steingruppe - John Hamilton, PacificStein Sammler - John McGregor, Pennsylvania Keystoneers - Jack Rives, Rocky Mountain Steiners - Carol Rooney, Sun Steiners - Jim DeMars, Thoroughbred Stein Verein - Roger Grim, Uppersteiners - Gerry Mirabito, Sr. She announced that eight new members have joined SCI at the Convention.

It was announced that the 1997 Convention will be in Seattle in September.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.