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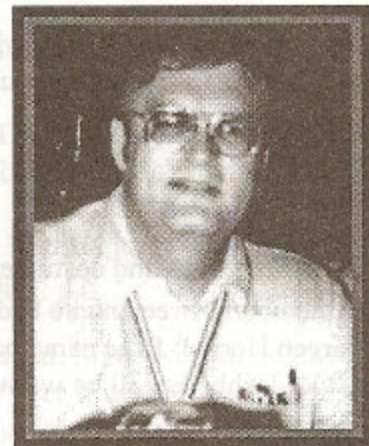
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Pacific Stein Sammler is proud to dedicate this convention to the memory of Leo Cashatt: Charter Member, stein collector, father, husband, and friend.

Welcome to Seattle and "THE GREAT STEIN RUSH OF '97"

The members of the Pacific Stein Sammler (PSS) chapter of Stein Collectors International (SCI) are glad you have come. We promise to do our very best to see that you have a wonderful time while you are here.

We extend a **Special Welcome** to those of you who are attending an SCI Convention for the first time. We pledge to do everything possible to help you enjoy your time with us, meet new friends, and make you feel "at home" in the sincere hope that this convention will be the first of many SCI Conventions in your future.

"THE GREAT STEIN RUSH OF '97" is the first SCI convention to be held in the Pacific Northwest. We are honored to have over 350 attendees



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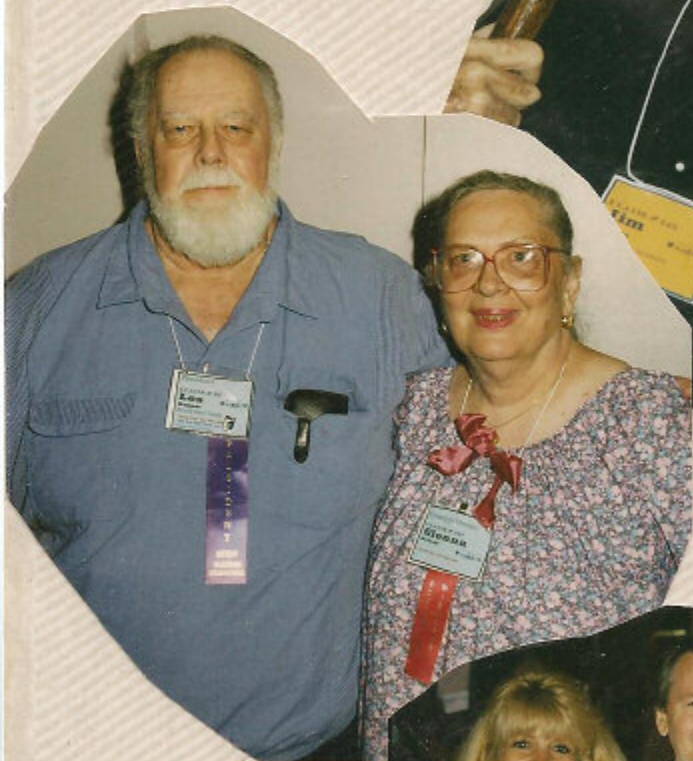
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1997 Convention Report

The Great Stein Rush of '97 in Seattle, Washington, from August 26 through September 1, was a tremendous success. Registrations were off to a fast start shortly after the June issue of *Prosit* was in the mail. The convention ended registration with a total of 360 adults and 3 children, the second largest SCI Convention following Milwaukee. The members of Pacific Stein Sammler Chapter dedicated this convention to the memory of Leo Cashatt, Charter PSS Member, avid stein collector and long time member of SCI. The Dedication Award was presented to his widow, Maureen, and daughter, Cristine, by Bernd Hoffmann, first President of Pacific Stein Sammler Chapter.

The pre-convention Spirit of Washington Dinner Train was enjoyed by 231 people having a gourmet dinner during the 4-hour train trip from Renton to Woodinville.

On Thursday, Gary Kirsner held the Commercial Auction with over 700 lots.

The convention started Friday morning with a great buffet breakfast. Following the breakfast, Sourdough and Gabby got the convention moving with their latest adventures from Harrisburg to Seattle. Next came the Upstairs/Downstairs Maid, our own very dear Becky Dwyer, who lead us in singing "God Bless America." At that point, Diane Wurst, 1997 SCI Convention Chairman, turned the meeting over to Les Hopper, Master Steinologist and President of SCI, and to Glenna Sheer, Executive Director. Glenna presented the Master Steinologist Award to Johannes Vogt and the Jack Heimann Award to Pat Jahn. The 1996 Jack Lowenstein Editor's award was presented to Steve Steigerwald.

Pat Manusov made the announcement that she would be resigning as Chairman of the Museum Committee and that Pacific Stein Sammler's own Master Steinologist, John McGregor, would be taking over for Pat.

Following the SCI Business meeting, Dr. Thérèse Thomas gave a lecture on "Animals as a Theme on Mettlach Steins" which was followed by Steve Steigerwald's lecture on "Etched Non-Mettlach Steins." The balance of the afternoon was spent either in the Hospitality Room on the 34th floor or in the Member's Stein Sales Room.

Attending were 47 First Timers (Green Horns). Bernd and Christy Hoffmann

chaired the Chug-a-Lug Contest; the winners were from the Thoroughbred Stein Verein. Friday night was German Night with music provided by Happy Hans and his band. All enjoyed the music and dancing. Many members had the opportunity to meet the German Consul and his wife, Lothar and Anna Schneider. A highlight of the evening was the crowning of Miss Beer Stein, Jo Austin, and Mr. Prospector, Lyn Ayers.

Saturday morning we were treated to another Vittles Full Buffet Breakfast to get the day off and running. Following breakfast our day started with round table speakers: "Character Steins" by Les Paul; "Spotting Repairs/Factory Flaws" by Andre Ammelounx, "Mettlach Wares" by Bob Wilson; "The Art of Miniature" by Frank Poppie; "Faience Steins" by Les Paul; "Glass Steins" by Ron Fox; and "Regimentals" by Ron Heiligenstein.

Then, off again to the Hospitality Room for the Redhook Brew and lots of ham, turkey, roast beef, etc. or a visit to the Member's Stein Sales Room. After a great afternoon, we boarded the busses at 5:15 pm. to take us to Pier 66 and to the Spirit of Seattle boat which would take us to Blake Island for an authentic Salmon Bake Dinner and the show "Spirit on the Wind" which is performed by Northwest Natives. The threat of rain passed and we ended with seeing a beautiful Northwest sunset.

Sunday once again found us eating a hearty Vittles Buffet Breakfast followed by more round tables. Our members auction had nearly 300 consigned steins and was called by a lively professional auctioneer.

A dramatic conclusion was the Prospectors' Ball with Stan Boreson and his band providing great music and entertainment.

After three days of buying chances on the Northwest Stein Quilt made by Jo Austin, the winning ticket was purchased by Oli and Laurie Guy from Aurora, Colorado. Congratulations!

The success of this convention is attributed to the many wonderful members of Stein Collectors International. We thank you for coming to our Great Stein Rush of '97 and hope that you enjoyed attending as much as we enjoyed hosting this convention. Rumor has it that a fun time was had by all!

tioned that we now have four members in Australia.

She emphasized the extra expense that S.C.I. incurs mailing out back issues of *Prosit* at a much less favorable postal rate to people who are late paying their dues.

She announced the awarding of a Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Walters for preparing and maintaining the S.C.I. WebPage.

Next, she presented the following Chapter Newsletter Editors Awards: Bayou Stein Verein, Les Hopper; Buckeye Stein Verein, Craig Zimmerman; Carolina Stein Club, John Kelly; Desert Steiners, Juanita Woods; Gambrinus Stein Club, Joseph & Peggy Bent; Golden Gate Zecher, Harlean Morawietz; Hoosier Stein Verein, Kris Kuntz; Lone Star Chapter, Lawrence Beckendorff; Lustigen Steinjaeger von Wisconsin, Richard Keely; Mettlach Steinzeugsammler, Therese Thomas; Mitterlander Steingruppe, John Hamilton; Pacific Stein Sammler, John McGregor; Pennsylvania Keystoneers, William Quain; Rocky Mountain Steiners, Carol Rooney; Sun Steiners, Jim DeMars; Thirsty Knights, Martin Cameli; Upper Steiners, Alexander MacVie; Western Ohio Stein Jaeger, Louis Foster; and Erste Gruppe, Ted Scheer.

The Executive Director announced that Pat Jahn was the recipient of the Jack Heimann Award.

Johannes Vogt was announced as the winner of the Master Steinologist Award.

Les Whitham announced that the 1998 Convention will be in Boston at the Hyatt Regency (actually in Cambridge) July 1-5. German night will be at the Harvard Club. There will be a clambake in New Hampshire. He stated that the fireworks on the 4th will be visible from the top floor of the hotel. Everyone was encouraged to come see the sights of New England.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Talley, Secretary