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Editor's Notes

Let me begin by apologizing for the delay of this issue and for the lack of articles. There was a problem with the *Your Newsletter* email account which caused all emails it had received to be deleted and it took until a few days ago to fix the problem. That's why there was not only a delay in releasing the June issue, but also any articles that were sent to the YourNewsletter@money.org email account were not received. To anyone who submitted articles for this issue, please resubmit them so that I can be sure to include them in the July installment. Also, factors out of my control (such as graduation and visits from relatives) have caused me to take longer than anticipated to put this issue together. I encourage everyone to write an article and submit it so that it could be published in a future issue.

On a more positive note, summer is about to begin! When you have a couple months off from school, maybe take time to go to some coin shows or read a few books about some obscure part of numismatics (non-numismatic books are also good!).

Summer is my favorite time of year for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that the two most important numismatic events of the year come within about a month of each other during the summer. July brings with it the Summer Seminar, when many brilliant numismatists converge in Colorado Springs for two weeks of classes and discussions. In August is the ANA Convention, where there are numerous education exhibits and hundreds of dealers. You really have not experienced the full realm of numismatic activities until you have been to the Summer Seminar (which is at ANA headquarters and Colorado College) and the ANA Convention (which moves around each year). Finish the school year strong, and then enjoy your summer!

Numismatics in the News

I came across an interesting article that was just printed in the New Zealand Herald that announces that foreign coins, which have come into common usage in New Zealand, will now be made illegal tender. Most of those foreign coins are the Australian equivalent of the 5, 10 and 20-cent New Zealand coins. The Australian coins are the exact specifications of the New Zealand ones, and thus work in all vending and parking machines. This will change on July 31 when New Zealand begins issuing



A New Zealand 10-cent coin.
(Photo: www.worldcoingallery.com)

new coins, which are smaller and lighter. After the old coins are withdrawn on November 1 and the machines recalibrated, the foreign coins will become essentially useless. To read the entire article, click [here](#).

If anyone has seen numismatics in the mainstream media, please send it (either the link, information about the article, or where you saw it on TV) to YourNewsletter@money.org. Thank you.

Young Numismatists Programs

The ANA has many programs to encourage Young Numismatists to be active in the hobby. This year's ANA Summer Seminar will be held in two sessions during the first two weeks of July. Summer Seminar is an opportunity for numismatic scholarship and camaraderie, offering students a wide and varied selection of week-long courses suited for anyone, from the curious beginner to the most advanced numismatist. Young Numismatists (YNs), ages 13 to 22, stay in a Colorado College dormitory with experienced chaperones and mentors. Although the deadline for scholarships has now passed, you can still register to attend by filling out this [form](#). For more information about the Seminar, the numismatic highlight of the year, go to the ANA website (www.money.org).

Two great ways for Young Numismatists to learn and earn spectacular coins and other prizes are the [David R. Cervin Ancient Coin Project](#) and the [Early American Copper Coin Project](#). By completing hobby-related activities YNs can also earn auction dollars to spend at the ANA World's Fair of Money convention each year. You see how to earn these auction dollars, and for a form to fill out, click [here](#). Speaking of the convention, the World's Fair of Money is being held in Denver this year from August 16 to 19. The convention is a great place to meet new people, buy and sell numismatic pieces, and go to many free educational functions. I encourage all who are attending to [exhibit](#) something from their collection. It is a great way to educate others and win awards. The YN Best of Show even wins a scholarship to next year's Summer Seminar! This year, because the convention is being held so near to ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, there is a member appreciation day planned for August 20.

If any other clubs have programs or events for Young Numismatists, please send the information to YourNewsletter@money.org.

Announcements

The Young Numismatists of America is seeking members! The YNA is an organization founded in 2001 with the goal of promoting numismatics among Young Numismatists. It publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Young Numismatist*, which features articles, news, contests and more. Although the club is run only by Young Numismatists, both YNs (\$3 dues) and adults (\$5) are welcome to join. To find out more information, and to get a membership form or sample newsletter, visit www.ynaclub.org.

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