

The actual roots extend farther back in the community. The predecessor organization being the Tampa Stamp and Coin Club. It was the 1930's, when between 5 and 12 collectors of stamps and coins would meet at different homes to review items and to trade or buy/sell. Back then, when prices were far lower than they are today, there was a special camaraderie between collectors that is rarely found today and difficult to write about or understand today.

World War II came and several of the members joined the armed forces. After returning around 1946, they started again the collecting hobby. Several of the early Club Officers became active during this interim time including the family of Henry Cox, with him being a active collector and a member of the Board and an Officer for many years. The club joined ANA in March 1st, 1954.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1954 enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and, approved August 16th, 1954, was a pivotal law in the final organization of the club, to his incorporation in the state of Florida and, was designated as a 501 (C) (3) Charitable and Educational Organization in 1955, hence, this date became the official foundation date for the club we now have.

The club was finally incorporated on June 21st, 1961 as Domestic Non-Profit until October 13th, 1989, when the status was change to "Not for profit" Corporation. The Constitution and By-Laws were modified and the name changed to Tampa Bay Coin Club to denote the general area served, the Bay area.

TBCC previously awarded "Life" membership privileges to individual members who had served long and/or performed valuable services for the club. However, in the 1980's the number of such recognition had reached a rather substantial level and a decision was made to discontinue the practice. The last such recognition was to Marie and Albert Musgrove. This couple not only were Officers and Board members, but served as Chairs for the annual shows the club ran

for many years in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

The club went latent in 2011 for lack of interest, participation and a regular place to meet. In the summer of 2012, a few interested members (Joseph Crespo, Rudy Valentin, Art Pinto, Phil Gazi, John Feztko, Richard Schemitsch & Roger McMurray) agreed to meet to do something for the club. Elections were held in October according to the by-laws and, the "train" went back to his tracks.

Our purpose is-for the enjoyment of fellow collectors and to further the understanding and knowledge of Numismatics. We hold long term memberships as mentioned before in the American Numismatic Association, as well as Florida United Numismatists since 1960.