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## Poland's Bats – A Halloween Connection



By Steve Bieda

Bats are a common theme for Halloween. In 2010, Poland issued a circulating 2 złoty and a 0.925 fine silver collector coin in the denomination of 20 złoty.

## A Bit of Halloween, Numismatically

By Steve Bieda



Although extremely unlikely to be given out at Halloween, some countries have issued special collector coins in recognition of the holiday. Pictured here is an undated, \$1 dollar denomination, .5 gram, 24K gold, .9999 fine, 13.92mm ghost shaped coin from the island country of Palau, mintage of 15,000, with a "silk finish."

(Also printed in the Royal Oak Coin Club newsletter, Under the Loupe)

## The Last of the Classics? – Finding a 1936 Buffalo Nickel in Change, in 2025

By Mark Benvenuto



PANS club members have in common a love of Polish numismatics, but also all probably share a fondness for finding a coin that is a real winner, and plucking it from change. Many of us probably have our relatives and friends keeping an eye out for anything out of the ordinary as well – often as a favor, sometimes as a realization that our hobby has become a real passion for us. Still, imagine my surprise when my son presented me with a 1936 Buffalo nickel that he and my wife had found in change.

Pictured here, this nickel has seen some wear and tear, which makes me think it hasn't been in someone's collection for decades – although it may have been in some change jar or dish. The photos were taken in natural sunlight, since the surfaces are rather dark, and sunlight brings up any details very well. With almost 119 million coined, a 1936 is certainly a common date among the Buffalo nickel series, and so this is not a great treasure that has been brought to light. But still, it's a wonderful little surprise, seeing an 89-year-old five-cent piece still in change.

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**Once again, come to the meetings and win**

Your PANS meets once a month, except for July and August, and is generous in raffling off one Polish coin per meeting. Why not attend a meeting, and see if you can add something to your growing collection?

**Send in your finds.**

Have you found any Polish coins of note, perhaps squirreled away in some dealer's stock of foreign coins? If you have found a hidden treasure, or one hiding in plain sight, e-mail Mark a photo and a brief write-up of how you came upon it. The PANS members will most likely be interested in hearing about it.

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We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 East Maple Road (15 Mile Road) at Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan. Visit the PANS Club website at [www.pans-club.org](http://www.pans-club.org) for details. We currently have 10 meetings per year (August through May) with 2 months off during the summer. The Polish American Numismatic Society also plans a Christmas Oplatek Dinner during the Holiday Season. Meeting agendas include business matters and informative lectures from renowned guest speakers on topics including error and variety coins, significant coins in Polish history, Hamtramck scrip, coin photography. Open and lively member discussions about US and Polish numismatics are encouraged. Of course, the meeting would not be complete without coffee and delicious Polish pastries. The Polish American Numismatic Society hosts two very successful public coin show at the American Polish Cultural Center. Our primary show always takes place on the third Sunday of February. PANS also hosts a second show in August. Shows have been co-hosted with other clubs in the region. If you have any interest in numismatics, please attend a meeting and sign up as a member. PANS dues are only \$20.00 per year or \$30 per year if you would like the PANS Eaglet newsletter sent to your mail on a quarterly basis. PANS Club Membership is a great way to meet collectors with similar interests and knowledgeable dealers willing to share their experiences in a hobby that we all enjoy. To become a member-in-good-standing, plan to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year and perform club-related duties at PANS Club sponsored Coin Shows.

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