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TOURMALINES - A GEM OR A MINERAL

A mineral is a naturally occurring, usually inorganic, homogenous solid with a definite chemical composition that is a variable within fixed limits and has a highly ordered atomic arrangement.

Gemstones are minerals, mineraloids, or non-minerals that can be faceted, polished, or otherwise modified in shape to enhance their appearance. In addition to being attractive due to its color, or the ability to reflect or transmit light, a gemstone typically is fairly hard and durable. The most valuable gemstones, referred to as "precious" gemstones, are extremely hard (and extremely rare!). Softer, less durable minerals usually are less valuable and are classified as "semi-precious".

Diamonds, emeralds (beryl), rubies and sapphires (red and all other colors of gem-quality corundum) are referred to as "precious" minerals: the softer, less durable jade (nephrite and jadeite), garnet, amethyst, citrine, tiger eye, rose quartz (quartz), peridot (olivine), tourmaline, and turquoise are called "semi-precious". Two exceptions to this rule are precious opals and pearls, which are classed as precious, but are soft compared to other precious stones.⁽¹⁾

Tourmaline - the name is derived from the Singhalese word, turamalli, meaning carnelian, which was applied for the first time when a parcel of these stones were brought from Ceylon to Amsterdam in 1903. They may occur in pink, red, yellow, blue, brown, black or green. An outstanding feature of some stones is their marked dichroism (ability to reveal different hues from different angles). Some crystals show two or three color bands. One of the most beautiful types being red or pink on one end and green on the other, with a colorless area between (watermelon). Heat is used either to lighten or enhance the colors of certain tourmalines ⁽²⁾

First described in the 16th century, tourmaline lore suggest that the stones promote healing. They are also supposed to foster greater joy in recreation and in work, giving the wearer the ability to play well and work constructively. While these properties may not be well proved, the sight of these beautiful gems is certain to give the wearer great satisfaction. ⁽³⁾

Local areas in which to obtain Tourmalines are:

"The Oceanview Mine"	Pala Gem Mining District, Hwy. #76	760.489.1566
"Gems of Pala"	Pala Gem Mining District, Hwy. #76	760.742.1356

⁽¹⁾ Just What is a Mineral? ⁽²⁾ Definitions of Tourmaline on the Web ⁽³⁾ What is Tourmaline?

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Sunday, October 8th*
6:00 AM
Metal Detecting Outing
South of Pier
Oceanside
- *Freedom Claim Outing*
October 21st and 22nd
- *Corn Festival - Event*
October 21st and 22nd
Temecula
- *Fallback Festival - Event*
Sunday, October 29th
Gas Lamp Quarter
San Diego

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

So what's new? We have hit the ground running, and we are not stopping for anything. It's like trying to keep ahead of the flash flood in the desert or outrun the hoard of rattlesnakes that are mad at you diggin' in their hole.

We did the Grape Day Festival in Escondido and had a lot of fun doing that gig. As a result of that event, we got our photos in the North County Times newspaper. A local school asked if we would do a California Gold Rush Event when the time comes. We said yes.

Thanks to a member of our organization, we also had our announcement of our monthly meetings in the North County Times. And, because of our booth at the Grape Day Festival, the Union Tribune wants to send a writer to do an article at our beach metal detecting outing. They might even be here tonight doing some write up about our general meeting. Look around and see if ya spot them.

This past week, we were contacted by a local elderly care center and they asked if we could give a gold panning demonstration to some seniors who don't get out much and many who are confined to wheelchairs. We said we will do even better. We will let them pan for gold. We sat up tables with panning tubs and let them experience the fun. This was the Western Days Event at the Redwood Terrace Assisted Living Facility in Escondido. There was western music, other booths, folks dressed up in western gear and us dressed as prospectors.

One of our members wrote me an e-mail message about their meeting in Temecula at the GPAA Office with Ken Rucker. Remember Ken Rucker? He is the General Manager of the Outdoor Channel/GPAA in Temecula. Well, it is rumored that he wants to come back to visit us and maybe do an article in the Gold Prospectors magazine. He may even bring his film crew to one of the meetings. Now, that is about as cool as finding an old gold coin. Well, almost.

The year is almost over but we haven't finished or even slowed down. The best thing is for ya all to make the meetings cause you never know when you miss something. The meetings are where it's happening. The meetings are where you meet and talk with all those who make this such a wonderful organization. See you there.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 8th:

Metal Detecting Outing starting at 6:00 AM. Location: South of Oceanside Pier. Parking lot is open at that time.

Saturday and Sunday, October 21st and 22nd:

Outing at TSS Freedom Claim

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Treasurer Seekers will be manning a booth at the Oktoberfest in Temecula.

This event allows T.S.S. to sell dowsing rods and bags of gold, while introducing the club and its purpose to the public.

The booth will be located next to Big Horse Ranch on south Highway #79, next to the corn maze.

Over night camping (trailer/RV) is allowed next to the booth.

Sunday, October 29th:

T.S.S. has been invited back to the

Fallback Festival, located in the Gas Lamp Quarters of downtown San Diego.

There is a need for 10 to 12 members to help with this event. We will be panning for gold, selling our wares and just enjoying the crowds.

If you are able to help with any of these, please sign up at the back table, or contact any board member.

FINDS OF THE MONTH

What are "Finds of the Month"?

These are items that have been discovered between last months meeting and this months meeting. They can range from gold, gems, treasures, caches. Be proud to share your find with the club!

FREEDOM CLAIM OUTING

.The Freedom Claim is one of T.S.S. own private claims.

It is located approximately 75 miles north of Hwy. #15 on Hwy. #395.

For complete directions to this claim, please see Lee or Sharon Crnkovic for maps to this claim.

This claim is known for lots of fine gold to flakes and some smaller nuggets. Drywashing and metal detecting (even dowsing!) is recommended.

The road into this claim is good. Motorhomes and trailers have access. Many flat areas for tents and vehicles. Water is available at the Johannesburg Water Dept. for 1¢ a gallon. They are located on St. Elmo street.

The previous owner of this claim dug many holes and the piles of overburden can be accessed easily. In these piles of overburden is where the gold has been found. Gold has also been found in the caliche, so don't forget your clay-be-gone or jetdry for panning!

Wagon Master will be Chester and Harriett Nowicki. And will have the attendance sign in sheet at their campsite.

Please sign up for this event at the back table.

A potluck will be held on Saturday night. Please bring a dish to share for approximately 10 people.

If you do not sign the attendance sheet, you will not receive points towards the quarterly attendance award.

SEPTEMBER'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, September 6th -
Chapter Meeting:

66 Members in Attendance.

5 New Members signed up and 2 visitors.

Saturday, September 9th -

Grape Day Festival in Escondido.

10 Members in Attendance:

Donna Brock, Ray Wilkerson, Harriett Nowicki, Chester Nowicki, John Livsey, Sam Hayslip, Sharon Crnkovic, Lee Crnkovic, Gracie Armstrong, Frank Trutta and Charlene Myers.

Sunday, September 10th -

Metal Detecting at Moonlight Beach.

11 Members in Attendance:

Frank Trutta, Robert Cook, Zee Trutta, Allie Patz, Tom Menkel, Donna Brock, Bonnie Monahan, Ray Wilkerson, Colette Preston, Charlene Myers and Al Freeman.

Tuesday, September 26th -

Redwood Terrace Western Days.

6 Members in Attendance:

Loren Raddatz, Harriett Nowicki, Chester Nowicki, Ray Wilkerson, Charlene Myers and Donna Brock.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

CLAIMS GUIDE

AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE

CONTRACT:
LEE CRNKOVIC

A HELPFUL MEMBER

Charlie Blazek, a T.S.S. member, who resides in Yucca Valley, joined Chester and Lee on a prospecting trip to Big Bear, looking for a possible claim. On Charlie's way home, he was flagged down by someone on the side of the road. He learned that a woman had been hiking and that she was now in a ravine with a broken leg.

Charlie walked down the ravine, made a make shift splint for her leg and then carried her up the ravine, back to the road.

There she was handed over to her awaiting friends, who transported her to Big Bear for treatment.

Thank you Charlie for your good deed!

SALT SUPERSTITIONS

BY JUDY CARPENTER

To protect your home from witches, place a bowl of salt outdoors. The witch will stop to count all the grains of salt in the bowl, but before she can finish, the morning star will appear and she will have to leave.

If the table salt lumps it will soon rain.

It is bad luck to take a salt shaker directly from another person's hand. Set the salt shaker on the table and withdraw your hand, then the other person may pick it up.

To insure good luck, always set the salt on the table first before any other items, remove the salt last after the meal and cleanup.

As we have all heard the old belief that evil spirits cause the salt to spill, when this happens, take a pinch of the spilled salt and toss it over your left shoulder, it will hit the evil spirit in the eye and cause it to run away.

Lastly, before starting a long journey throw a teaspoon of salt over your right shoulder to insure safety.



A HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween was originally called All Hallows' Eve which means the evening before All Saints' Day. "Hallow" is an Old English word for "saint". This was shortened to Hallowe'en and finally to Halloween.

Most of the early traditions of Halloween come from the Celts who formed as a society around 800 BC, in what is now the United Kingdom, much of Western Europe and an isolated enclave in what is now Turkey.

The Celts believed that upon death, everyone went to a beautiful place free of hunger, pain and disease. It was called "Tir nan Og", sometimes translated as "Summerland". They had no concept of Heaven and Hell that was later adopted in the first century by Christianity. Many believed that two separate and nearly identical worlds existed. When a person died, they were transferred to the "ghostworld"; when they were born, they were transferred from the "ghostworld" to the mortal one. The pagan idea used to be that crucial joints between the seasons opened cracks in the fabric of space-time, allowing contact between the "ghostworld" and the mortal one.

The Celts celebrated rituals at this time to make contact with their ancestors who had died before them. This contact was done in a spirit of expectation, in the hopes of guidance from those in the next world.

This celebration coincided with the completion of harvest and moving of the herds. To celebrate, the Celts would give offerings of food to the Gods. They often went from door to door to collect food to donate to their deities. Hence, the present day "trick or treating". The younger Celts would ask the townspeople for kindling and wood, and take it to the top of a hill for a Samhain (Celtic God of the Dead) bonfire. At the fire the townspeople would take an ember from the bonfire to their home and re-light the fire in their family hearth. They felt nervous about walking home in the dark; they were afraid of evil spirits. So they dressed up in costumes and carved scary faces in their ember holders (usually a turnip or gourd). They hoped that the spirits would be frightened and not bother them. Children continue to dress up today in various costumes and pumpkins are now the object of choice to carve faces into.

Halloween in North America has become a major folk holiday in the US and Canada. Trick or "Treaters" go from door to door and collect candies, apples and other goodies.

Hallmark Cards reports that 65% of Americans will decorate their homes and offices for Halloween.

This percentage is exceeded only by Christmas.



SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY FRANK TRUITTA

Now you have your plan how you will hunt the beach, you did your homework on how your detector works and have been bench testing it to get familiar what it is trying to tell you.

So now you are ready to find your fortune digging sand, well almost. It takes more than a metal detector. Over the years of detecting I tried a lot of different equipment and narrowed it down to the following you take with you and things you have in your car.

When you are actually on the beach you need:

- Metal detector tethered to your belt
- Sand scoop with 30" handle
- Short pants, if you plan to get your feet wet
- Earphones (always use them)
- Scuba diver boots (about \$60) - water is cold in the winter time
- Extra battery pack
- Hat
- Bag for your finds (BIG bag - think positive)

Items for your car:

- 5 gallon bucket
- Five dollars in quarters and one dollar bills to feed the parking meters if necessary
- Liter bottle of water, small towel to wash your hands and feet
- Dry pants and extra socks
- Small first aid kit for minor cuts
- Sun screen

You must take patience with you.

Do not rush around.

HUNT SMART!



SEPTEMBER MEETING WINNERS

Winners from the September 6th meeting are:

Finds of the Month: Tied: Joe Jezisek and Yoko Weldeman-Riggs .

Gold Nugget raffle winners: Kent Donalson, Norman Vincent and Jon Norell.

Door Prize winner: Joe Jezisek.

50/50 winner: Bill Clendenin

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

Miners' Muffins (Dutch Oven Style)

1 cup sourdough starter	1 egg
2 cups flour	2 TBS cooking oil
1/2 cup milk	1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 tsp. salt

Mix all the ingredients and cook in muffin tin or cupcake holders about 30 minutes in a covered Dutch Oven.

You may want to add a few drops of cooking oil to the bottom of each cupcake paper to aid in keeping this dough from sticking to the paper.

This batter can also be cooked in a small loaf pan.

Makes 12-15 muffins.



'49ers Pancakes

1/2 cup sourdough starter	1 TBS sugar
2 cups flour	1 TBS cooking oil
1 cup milk	1 TBS baking powder
2 eggs	butter
1/2 tsp. salt	maple syrup

Mix all the ingredients well. Cook on hot, oiled, inverted Dutch Oven lid or grill.

Serve with butter and warm syrup.

Makes about 25 pancakes.



Golden Biscuits

1 cup sourdough starter	1/2 cup margarine
2 cups flour	2 tsp. baking powder
1/3 cup milk	1/2 tsp. salt

Mix all the ingredients: pat out on flat, floured surface. Cut out and place in covered greased Dutch Oven. Cook until golden brown.

Makes about 25 biscuits.

RAY'S TIPS

BY RAY WILKERSON

Identifying hidden gold. When you are working with the blue bowl or wheel, or even just a pan, DON'T overlook those little dark pieces that seem to stay with the gold. Often they stay there because of their weight. This means its very likely that they are gold. There are several different types of oxides that will coat the gold making them look like little black or dark brown pieces of rock. Sudsy ammonia or CLR will often remove these oxides after soaking and agitating. DO NOT mix the ammonia and CLR. Sometimes just scraping with the side of your tweezers will reveal the gold.

SUGGESTION "CAN" FOR T.S.S.

At the sign-in table is a new item. A green suggestion "can". Please place your suggestions and comments in this item.

We are looking for comments from new comers and old timers, alike.

Comments and suggestions received will be reviewed the Board Members at the next Board meeting.

Please help us help you.

T.S.S. LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has been proud of having their own library for members to use. But there is a new face behind the table. Donna Brock will be filling in for Gracie Armstrong for the next three months. Gracie has taken a trip to be with her family back east and Donna has stepped up to the plate. Thank you Donna!

This is also a reminder for those members who have books and tapes checked out to remember to return them so that others can enjoy.

And if anyone has books regarding treasure hunting, gold hunting, gem hunting, coin shooting, and so forth and you would like to donate them to the library, please contact Donna.

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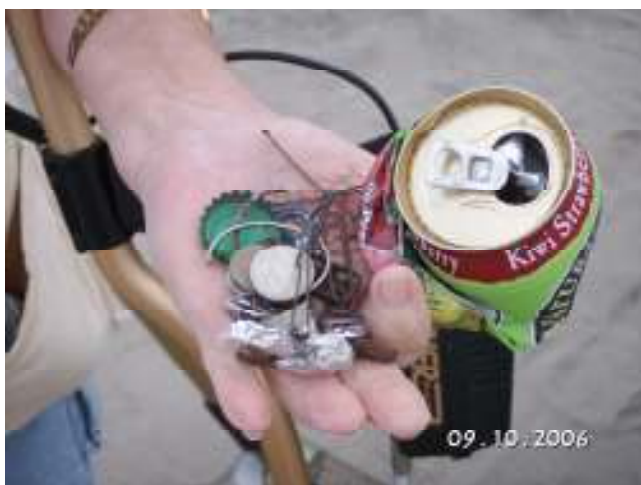
MEMBER PHOTO'S

SEPTEMBER 6TH CHAPTER MEETING



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MOONLIGHT BEACH - METAL DETECTING



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GRAPE DAY FESTIVAL



REDWOOD TERRACE WESTERN DAYS



CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

For Sale -

Desert Fox \$200.00, used twice, paid \$279.00, but will trade for recirculator.

Contact Judy or Gene

951-674-3207

For Sale -

Minelab Metal Detector "Explorer". Great Condition. \$550.00

Contact Bill Edison

760-754-1632

For Sale -

LDMA Membership. Half price. \$2,000.00

Contact Mary Jo Horn

760-233-4005

For Sale -

L.D.M.A. Lifetime Membership - unable to use it anymore. Offering it at \$2,500.00. The price of a new membership is \$3,750.00.

Contact Harold Krogness

253-531-1994

E-Mail: hbkrogness@isp.com

For Sale -

Lifetime membership to L.D.M.A., current maintenance dues (2006) paid. \$2,400.00 plus transfer fees.

Michael Johnson

E-Mail: texas.michael@sbcglobal.net

For Sale -

New 49er membership. \$1,500.00 (savings of \$2,000.00) plus transfer fees.

Mike Higbee of the New 49er's of Happy Camp, California

541-779-1621

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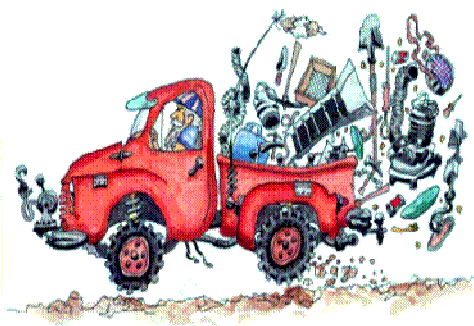
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Treasure Seekers Of San Diego County (T.S.S.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a GPAA chapter. Non GPAA members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on the claims committee, or utilize GPAA claims. The purpose of this organization is to provide an environment to increase public awareness, with education and training, of locating, identification and legal removal of minerals, caches and treasures while keeping in mind the preservation of the environment and wild habitat.

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On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30—9:00 PM.

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