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DESERT PROSPECTING TIPS

For desert prospecting, you will need a metal detector of the gold detector type, yet, a coin detector will prove useful in locating nuggets as well. You will need two plastic gold pans with what is known as "Chinese riffles". You will also need a magnifying glass, a pair of tweezers and a few glass vials. Digging tools as well or a plastic scoop with built in riffles.

- 1.) Keep searching and don't give up too soon. Sometimes you will go for days without finding a single nugget. Then, all of a sudden, you will hit a nugget patch!
- 2.) Be sure to wear headphones. With these, you will be able to find the smallest nuggets and those that are buried deep.
- 3.) When prospecting a dry wash, extend your search out around the edges into the 'rough'.
- 4.) Be sure to work the benches above the dry washes. These are areas where flash flood waters flowed. The rapidly moving waters deposited nuggets above the dry wash on the benches.
- 5.) Don't forget to work the hillsides above the dry washes. That's where you will often find nugget patches.
- 6.) One of the most important things to remember when using a metal detector is to slow down your sweeping action. You can't do it at a fast clip like you would when hunting for coins.
- 7.) Keep your detector coil close to the ground. Keep it parallel to the ground as well. Use short sweeps to keep your coil close to the ground.
- 8.) Be sure to overlap your coil sweeps. If you do not, you will be leaving as much as 50% of the area below the search coil "unscanned."
- 9.) When prospecting in dry washes, try to find exposures of bedrock. Many times, through natural erosion, bedrock becomes exposed along a dry wash. Gold becomes trapped in the crevices of bedrock and can be found using a metal detector.

When in the desert, look for the smaller, one man mining operations from years past.

Who knows what you will find and where you will find it - good luck in your hunt.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Sunday, November 11th*
2:00 PM
Metal Detecting Outing
South of Oceanside Pier
 - *Outing*
- *Sunday, November 18th*
Oceanview Mine
Pala, CA.
 - *Outing*
- *Thursday through Sunday,*
November 22nd - 25th
Friendly Fox Claim
Yuma, AZ.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

We are getting ready to plan next year's outings and events. If there are places that we have not been to, please let us know. I sure would like to see some more metal detecting outings. We need to plan more educational events for next year. We are working very hard on our state and federal tax exemptions and we need to show more educational events. Help me out here members. Sometimes it is hard to get our board rolling on this and that is why I invite all our 200 members to come to the board meetings. I know you all have some good ideas out there. Think about it and let me know.

One important item this past month is that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed AB 1032. That is the bill where the environmentalist were trying again to curtail more gold dredging in the rivers of California. These environmentalist will never quit. In 1993, George Massey, founder of the GPAA wrote what he called the Whacko environmentalist were trying to change the California dredge regulations. He spoke of the improvement of the fish habitat in dredging and that fishermen kill fish, not gold miners. Damming of river have depleted more fish than dredgers. Anyway, to those who sent in their letters urging the Governor to veto this AB 1032 got a letter from him thanking them for their interest. Did you get your letter from him?

Talking about George "Buzzard" Massey and the environmentalist, George tells a story about this prospector out there prospecting and ran out of food and starving. No game to hunt for food except a lot of seagulls. He shot one, cooked and ate it. Fish and Game caught and arrested him. The prospector was told that it was against the law to shoot seagulls. The prospector was written up and had to appear in court. The judge asked him why the prospector shot the seagull. "I was hungry and starving to death and there were plenty of seagulls. I would have died otherwise." The judge had sympathy for the prospector and let him go. The judge asked the prospector what a seagull tasted like. "Well judge, the taste is kind of between a spotted owl and a bald eagle."

The story came from the book "The Best of Buzzard" and George tells some good ones.

Till the next time, be good to one another.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 11th:

Metal Detecting Outing

2:00 PM

South of Oceanside Pier

Sunday, November 18th:

Oceanview Mine - Pala, CA.

10:45 till 4:00 PM

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22nd through November 25th:

Friendly Fox Outing

TSS Claim

Down by Yuma, AZ.

Wednesday, December 5th:

Chapter Meeting

6:30 PM Joslyn Senior Center

Escondido, CA

Saturday, December 8th:

Christmas Party & Potluck

Time and location to be announced.

There is a gift exchange after dinner.

Suggested that the gifts be in the \$20.00 range. Mark the gifts for men or women or does not matter.

OUTING INFORMATION:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22nd through the 25th will find T.S.S. members at the Friendly Fox Claim, outside of Yuma.

Directions: Take Hwy. I-8 south to Ogilby Road exit (approximately 151 miles from San Diego). Go north on Ogilby Road for approximately 10 miles. Just as you come out of a 'dip' in the road, look for a road to your right. Turn right and bear right on the dirt road. The "camp site" is located approximately 0.9 miles from Ogilby Road.

Accessibility is easy. Motorhomes up to 33 feet have no problem.

Lots of flat spots for tents, trailers

and vehicles.

Drinking water can be obtained at the Rest Area on I-8 just before Ogilby Road turnoff. (Rest area is located in the center of the highway near the sand dunes).

Fine gold to flakes have been found in the area. Good for dry washing and metal detecting.

A Thanksgiving potluck will be held on Thursday night. Please bring a dish to share.

Firewood is always welcome for the evening fires and story telling.

There is many things to see and do at this location. Old mines to explore, gems to be found, desert fauna in bloom. Just be safe.

Friendly Fox is named after a little fox that calls this claim his home. He/she seems to come out and visits the site around dusk. He/she is shy of bright white flashlights, but if you have a flashlight that can accommodate a red lens, this is best for viewing him/her.

Also, it is suggested that at the end of each day, you make sure that all food is put away in some type of container, as this fox has been known to take off with dog food and other stuff that has been left out in the open.

The Wagon Master for the trip will be announced after tonight's meeting.

OCTOBER'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, October 3rd:

Chapter Meeting

68 members in attendance.

2 new members

Sunday, October 7th:

Metal Detecting Outing - North of O'side Pier

9 members in attendance.

Robert Cook, Pat Roycroft, Roy Stone, Carolyn Straeter, Bonnie Monahan, Toni Griffith (new), John Howe, Brian Thomas and Charlene Myers.

Saturday and Sunday, October 20th & 21st:

Freedom Claim Outing

31 people in attendance.

Lee and Sharon Crnkovic, Randy Oyler, Jerry and Janet Kaplan, David Tischart (guest), Roy Stone, dain Blackburn, Jack Blackburn, Mark Redding (guest), Lisa Standing (guest), Stephan and Leah Thompson, Keith Browning, Jerry Duke, Mat Buccat, Gaby Buccat, Trish and Terry King, Frank and Gay Hubert, Blakely Sanford, Tom Williams (guest), Bob and Lori Otto, Bill and Ginger Pieper (new members), Richard and Karon Callahan.

OCTOBER'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Johnny Kizzar, Jean Neely and Gene Oliver

Door Prize Winner: Loren Raddatz and Jean Neely (M+M count winner)

50/50 Winner: Janet Kaplan

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: Joe Jeserik

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: Frank Trutta

Quarterly Attendance Winner - Jan Patterson (Not present)

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY FRANK M. TRUTTA

Only had a chance to hunt at the beach once. It was a nice minus .7 tide and the beach had a large flat area that stretched forever. I gridded that out for about an hour with a 12" coil and came up with about ten coins and little junk, next time I'll use the 15" coil and see if I can get down for the real deep targets. I finally gave up and started to work the towel line and came up with a small sterling chain with a state of Texas charm on it and a sterling silver ring.

I don't think we will have any terrific days until we start getting some storms to move the sand around.

Having a little extra time to crunch the numbers in my log book, I like to compare the finds from one year to the next. On the average I recover 40% pennies, 11% nickels, 26% dimes, 22% quarters and 1% sterling silver or gold pieces. I've been doing this for eight years and amazingly the percentages never vary by more than 1 or 2%.

Hunt Smart!



TSS NAME TAGS AND CLUB SHIRTS WITH LOGO'S

TSS name tags are available for purchase from Ray Wilkerson, 1st Vice President. The cost is \$5.00 per tag.

TSS shirts and other apparel with the TSS logo is available from Steve Berdan. You pick the shirt and what logo you would like on it. You can contact Steve at the meetings or through the website or phone number listed on page 10.

GRAND PRIZE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego is offering for the Grand Prize Opportunity Drawing a Famous Trails Metal Detector, Model #1023.

The drawing will take place at tonight's meeting.

The next Grand Prize Opportunity Drawing will be for the "Blue Bowl". Which will be demonstrated by Ray Wilkerson at tonight's meeting.

This is a great piece of equipment to clean up all your fine black sands and recover your hidden gold!

If you were born in the month of November -

Your flower is: Chrysanthemum

Your stone is: Citrine, Yellow Topaz, Pearl, Topaz or Diamond

Your meaning is: Fidelity and Faithfulness

Your colors are: Dark Blue, Red and Yellow

Pearl: Of the traditional cream-colored pearls, those with pink overtones are most valuable; irregularly shaped pearls are less valuable; natural pearls will feel rough when gently rubbed against teeth, while synthetic ones will feel smooth.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

'Twas The Night of Thanksgiving

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep.

I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.
The leftovers beckoned -- the dark meat and white,
But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation....
The thought of a snack became infatuation....
So I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore.
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,
"Til all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!
I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky....
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,
But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees....

HAPPY EATING TO ALL!!

PASS THE CRANBERRIES PLEASE!

May your stuffing be tasty,

Your turkey be plump,

May your taters n' gravy

Have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious,

May your pies take the prize,

May your Thanksgiving dinner

Stay well off of your thighs!

May Your Thanksgiving Truly Be A Blessing!

TONIGHT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE

Tonight is your last chance to sign up for the outing to:

Oceanview Tourmaline Mine Tour and Gem Hunting - Sunday, November 18th:

TSS will be holding an outing at the Oceanview Mine, located in Pala, CA. Jeff Swanger, co-owner of the Oceanview was our guest at the September meeting. He is offering our members a \$10.00 per person discount. The cost will be \$50.00 per adult, \$40.00 per youth (12 yrs. and under). 5 years and younger will be free. He can accommodate 60 people on this day. If TSS can not fill up that many spots then he will open it to the public and he needs to know in advance how many of our members will be attending. Jeff even mentioned something about doing a cookout up there. This is something we will work on after we know how many people plan on attending.

Jeff supplies all needed equipment (screens, etc.) you just need to bring something to take all your finds home in.

You will need to bring: Gloves, sun hat, lunch, drinks, good walking shoes or boots (no sandals), ziplock bags, a backpack or bucket to bring home your rocks. Also don't forget to bring the completed liability release form for each person and the exact cash for the tour/screening fee. They do not accept checks or credit cards.

When to be at the site: Arrive between 10:30 and 10:45 AM. At 11:00 AM Jeff will be giving a demonstration and a safety spill that is needed to be around the working mine.

We need confirmation at the end of tonight's meeting of your attendance. Please see Charlene Myers for the confirmation and the handouts of the liability release and map to the mine itself.

The following members have signed up:

Evelyn and Pat Allen, Steve Berdan, Dain and Devin Blackburn, Donna Brock, Matt Buccat, Kay Byrne, Travis Carter, Bob Cartwright, Andy Collier and his wife and two children, Jay and John Davis, Kent and Wes Donalson, Jerry Duke, Jerry and John Farris, Charlie Freeman, John Howe, Jerry and Janet Kaplan, Trish and Terry King, Steve and Debbie Le Page, Mike and Rosalie Mahr, Charlene Myers, Jean Neely, Eric Neptune, Robert and Lori Otto, Randy and Linda Oyler, Warren and Phyllis Pape, Colette Preston, Ken and Nicholas Ridley, Pat Roycroft, Blakely Sanford and guest, Donna Shout, Roy Stone, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, Barbara, Eric and Ray Wilkerson.

For a total of 52 'confirmed' reservations.

Some Facts About Gold

The chemical symbol for gold is "AU"

Gold was one of the first metals discovered by man

The purity of gold is measured in carats.

A carat is the weight of a gem stone where 1 carat equals 200 mg.

The purity of gold is 24 carats.

Gold is highly resistant to corrosion and oxidation.

Gold is a great conductor of electricity, used in modern computers.

The melting point of gold is 1,063 degrees.

Gold is still mined in its metallic form in over 60 countries.

MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

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CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

BOOKS BY BLAKEY

Blakely Sanford, a TSS member, is the proud publisher of many interesting books. He has donated several to the TSS library.

His books are compilations and re-prints of old magazine articles from the 30s, 40s, 50s, and later. Many are first hand accounts of what it was like when there were real prospectors. There is nothing being printed today that compares to these articles. Often whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article.

He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or three for \$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors/The Inkwell Printing Co. also sells them for \$20 each. All have No Shipping - No Sales Tax.

Blake often has a few of each book in his car available for sale at the monthly meetings, but it is best to e-mail him at Blakelysanford@yahoo.com to ensure that he has that book with him. Or mail your check to:

Blakely Sanford, 17563 Caminito Heno, San Diego, CA. 92127

Available compilations and re-prints are:

- “Basement Chemistry for Prospectors”
- “Duke’s Short Course in Prospecting and Mineral Identification”
- “Lost Arch Gold Mine”
- “Peg Leg’s Lost Gold”
- “Randsburg Gold”
- “Twenty-nine Palms Gold”
- “Yuma Gold”

For Sale -

Keen Vibrostatic Backpack Drywasher. Shindaiwa “Commercial” EB240 Blower, Plastic 1 gallon Gas Can and Hose that attaches to the drywasher from the blower.

Just set it up, add premix gas @ 50:1 ratio, attach the hose to the drywasher, start the motor and you are ready to go!

\$450.00 for everything. Paid around \$800 when new.

Dave 619-281-2927 or cell #619-954-0890

For Sale -

Keene 151 Dry Washer, newer motor that needs to be serviced. Has not run in 2 years.

\$300.00 Contact Steve at 760-271-0808

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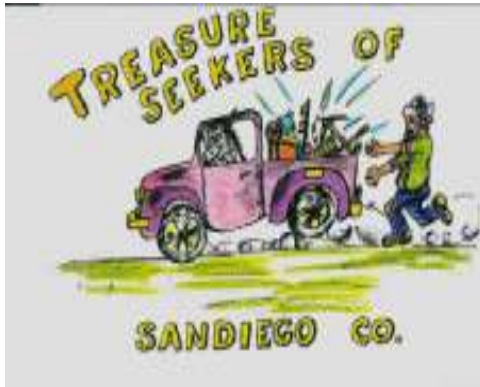
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Gold Bags

\$6.00 per bag

T.S.S. sells bags of gold concentrates. This is a great way to practice your panning skills plus save on gas money!

Get yours today!



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MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

Meetings are held at the Joslyn Senior Center

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

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