

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## GPAA CLAIMS AND WHO CAN USE THEM

*The following information is taken straight from the current GPAA Mining Claim Guide:*

The current GPAA Claims Club Membership Mining Guide is property of the GPAA and is designed to provide current GPAA members holding a valid GPAA Prospecting Permit with information, regulations, maps and directions to claims for the exclusive use of members. In addition, areas open to the public also are listed, some of which charge a fee.

### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR CLARIFICATION

1. Each GPAA membership is a FAMILY membership, including the member's spouse and/or children under 18 years of age. After purchasing a current Claims Club Membership Mining Guide, GPAA members may take family members with them when visiting GPAA listed claims. Please note that members must accept ALL responsibility for injury to themselves and/or to family members and/or guests while on claims open exclusively to GPAA members. Members also are personally responsible for any damage caused either by themselves, family members or guests.
2. Members with a **CURRENT** Claims Club Membership Mining Guide and Prospecting Permit may take up to four (4) guest with them when visiting listed claims, but the guest's own mining activities **MUST** be restricted to panning until they become GPAA members and hold their own GPAA Prospecting Permit. Until that time, rules and liability apply as outlined in #1 above.
3. GPAA members without a **CURRENT** GPAA Claims Club Membership Mining Guide and Prospecting Permit may NOT prospect or mine on GPAA listed claims or other property reserved exclusively for members unless they are guests of an up-to-date GPAA member who does meet these criteria. As stated above, guests are restricted to panning only. The current GPAA Claims Club Membership Mining Guide is structured on a yearly membership basis and expires upon publication of new guide. By renewing your Claims Club Membership Mining Guide, you are helping to maintain this program. Your GPAA membership must also be current to utilize this Claims Club Membership Mining Guide.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~

- *Metal Detecting*  
*Sunday, March 8th*  
*12 Noon*  
*Mission Beach*
- *Outing*  
*Saturday & Sunday*  
*March 21st & 22nd*  
*Red Cloud Claim*  
*GPAA claim.*
- *Chapter Meeting*  
*Wednesday*  
*April 1st*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I had a really great time at the Franconia outing. We didn't find a whole lot of meteorites though. Jerry Kaplan found a few small ones. It seems like if you are going to find any, they will be small fingernail size. The person who found the site long ago said the area is getting pretty picked over.

Julie had the best find, I believe. She found an old California license plate dated 1930.

The best time is always had around the fire pit at night. What a great bunch of people to yak with. When you are up front at the meetings, saying this or that, you don't get to talk to everyone like you can around a camp fire. Get around a camp fire, then you get to tell stories and listen to other's stories. You really get to know everyone. You really get to find out that we have the best people in our organization. Sorry you all couldn't have been there to know what I'm talking about.

We have the Red Cloud claim up for this month. Some have found some nuggets on this claim. Good place for bringing out the metal detector. You might have to fight the shell casings and bullets here. Should be an interesting outing.

This month, the nominating committee will let us know who is interested in running for the offices of President and Treasurer of the Treasure Seekers. I know that there should be a large list of those who want a turn at these positions. It will be an interesting election.

I talked with Jim Hall (past president of TSS) the other day. He will be at the PRIMM Gold Show in April. He will be helping us out. He is planning on starting a club in his area. I told him that for the price of flight tickets and hotels, we would send some representatives up there to show them how we run such an excellent organization.

Ray came back from the Stanton outing where GPAA chapter officials go to either train or tell stories of how they run their organizations. He told me that we do it so much better at our meetings. We have the best members wanting to do the best for the Treasure Seekers. That's not a brag, that's a fact.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **Thursday, March 5th:**

1:00 PM

Board Meeting

1401 El Norte Parkway

Madrid Manor Mobile Home  
Park, San Marcos

### **Sunday, March 8th:**

#### **Metal Detecting**

12 noon

Mission Beach - San Diego

### **Saturday and Sunday,**

**March 21st and 22nd -**

#### **Outing**

Red Cloud mine.

GPAA Claim

Page 12 of the July 2007 issue of  
the Pick and Shovel Gazette.

Approximately 35 miles east of  
Indio on Hwy. 10. Riverside  
County.

### **T.S.S. Mining Claims Guide**

**Available for  
Purchase**

**\$20.00 per guide**

**Please see:  
Lee Crnkovic**

## UP COMING OUTING

Saturday and Sunday, March 21st and 22nd, 2009 is the scheduled outing to GPAA claim "Red Cloud". Located in Riverside county, this is a 160 acres claim.

Directions: From Indio, go east on I-10 approximately 35 miles to Red Cloud Road off ramp, turn right, go 400 feet to railroad tracks. Turn left and go about 7 miles veering left of BLM road #CO32. Watch for 4" round claim marker on right (white tubing with red top). At next road on right there is a flat area just outside the Red Cloud claim on north east corner.

You will be able to see that this is a pretty flat area and previous fire rings.

Drywashers are good. Metal Detectors as well, as there have been reports of good small nuggets. Bring water for panning your concentrates. This is a dry area.

Last chance to get supplies (water, ice, fuel) will be Indio.

There is also two other GPAA claims in the area. One is called the Rusty Sieve and the other Bumper Cactus. All three claims pretty much touch each other. Be mindful of the claim markers.

The suggested camping area is pretty clean of cactus. But once you leave this area - there is cactus in abundance. Be careful.

The road past Red Cloud claim gets pretty rocky and nasty. Four wheel drive and high clearance is a must if you desire to travel past this area. Especially if you want to go explore the original Red Cloud Claim and the old foundations.

Saturday night will be the potluck and camp fire. Please bring wood and a dish to share.

Hand outs with map are available at the sign in table.

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## FEBRUARY'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Wednesday, February 4th:

#### Chapter Meeting

81 people in attendance.

9 new members

### Sunday, February 15th:

#### Metal Detecting - La Jolla Shores

14 people in attendance.

Dwight Reed, Robert Cook, Roy Stone, John Howe, Frank & Zee Trutta, Mark Trutta, Jerry Kaplan, Steve

Heise, Donna Shout, Mike Mahr, Steve Berdan, Mike Pruitt and Charlene Myers.

### Saturday and Sunday, March 21st & 22nd:

#### Outing - Franconia Meteorite Strewnfield

22 people in attendance.

Lee & Sharon Crnkovic, Carolyn & Jim Mears, Yoko Weidmann-Riggs, Mark Gartland, Jerry Kaplan, Mary Brown, Mike Lee, Mike & Rosalie Mahr, Julie Schalow & Karol, Ray Wilkerson, Chester Nowicki, Bill, Ginger & John Pieper, Wayne Jones, Toni Griffith, Andy & Ben Collier.

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## FEBRUARY MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Frank Huberts, Don LaFollette, Julie Schalow and Kent Ramsey

Door Prize Winner: Dwight Reed

50/50 Winner: Roy Stone

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: *No Entries!*

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: Dwight Reed

Finds of the Month Winner - Minerals: Steve LePage

Grand Prize Winner - Portable Folding Sluice - *We will find out tonight!*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Be ready for Red Cloud this month, PRIMM for April and the Freedom claim outing with great fireworks are also scheduled.

If you don't find it in the streams or somewhere in the mountains or desert, I do feel that your heart is full of gold. And also, thanks for letting me partake in your conversations around the campfires and meetings.

~Sourdough Chet~

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## TSS LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for it's members usage. Donna Brock, the Librarian and Robert Otto, the Librarian Assistant, are there to assist you. The library ranges from VHS/DVD "How To" shows, magazines, books of history, gold locations, gem locations, treasure hunting and some maps. The process for checking out the material is easy.

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## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBERS USE

A brand new recirculating mini sluice is now available for members use. This comes complete with tub, motor, legs and sluice. All you will need is the material to run through it and a battery for power. The same one that is being demonstrated at tonight's meeting.

The recirculating sluice is a sure fire way to cut down on your panning time. And it recovers even the finest of gold dust.

As with all TSS equipment, it is asked that when you return it, it is in better condition than what you received it. As a curiosity to your fellow members.

All equipment must be returned by the next meeting from when it was checked out. This will allow you any where from one week to three weeks usage.

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## GRAND PRIZE

Tickets can be purchased for the Grand Prize of portable, folding sluice box. Drawing will take place at the March meeting. Have you gotten your tickets?

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If you were born in the month of March -

Your flower is: Jonquil, Violet

Your stone is: Aquamarine, Bloodstone, Jade, Rock Crystal

Your meaning is: Courage

Your colors are: White, Light Blue

Aquamarine: The bluer the stone, the more valuable it is: presence of green or gray decreases its value. Durable. Suitable for jewelry worn daily.

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## MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

## TOP O' THE EVENING (MORNIN')

March is National Peanut Month. First adopted in 1941, Peanuts were observed for a week, then officially in 1974 the entire month of March was dedicated to the Peanut.

Probably not the best time to bring up Peanuts or Peanut Butter with the salmonella scare across the nation, but Skippy, Peter Pan and Smuckers, are very safe and NOT on the recall list. Go ahead and eat your peanut butter.

*A Peanut Butter Sandwich for \$18.95 - are you kidding!!*

Well, it's true. A Denver, Colorado restaurant, (The Colorado Mine Company), once offered a "Fool's Gold" sandwich, consisting of peanut butter, blueberry jam and bacon on sourdough bread. However, the price was negotiable, usually (\$5.00) and a waitress who could actually get someone to pay more could keep anything above the \$5.00.

**Flour-less Peanut Butter Cookies**

*Easy recipe can be doubled or tripled*

1 egg, slightly beaten

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar, packed

1 cup of your favorite peanut butter, creamy or chunky (I'm a creamy Skippy's girl)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In medium mixing bowl slightly beat egg, beat in sugar and brown sugar until well combined. Add the peanut butter and stir until well mixed.

Use small cookie scoop or use hands to shape dough into 1 inch balls. Place on an un-greased cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Using a fork or bottom of a glass, dip into sugar and then slightly flatten the balls. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or till gold brown. Cool for 1 to 2 minutes before removing from pan with a spatula, remove and finish cooling. This recipe will make about 36 cookies.

For an added surprise place an un wrapped Hershey Milk Chocolate kisses (or your favorite Hershey kiss), on top of the baked cookies as soon as they come out of the oven. They will melt quickly and adhere to the cookie, let them cool.

May Your Days Be Bright and Cheery,

And

Friendly Hearts and Sunny Smiles

Keep You Company!

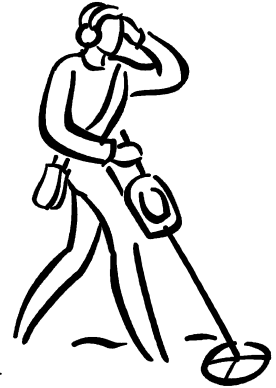
## SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY: FRANK TRUTTA

We have been having some nice minus low tides the last couple of months in the afternoon hours. This is real good for us hunters who like to work the hard packed flats where a higher percentage of jewelry exists. The bad thing is that the sand has moved up onto most of the beaches and buried the good detecting areas under two to three feet of sand making the targets out of detector range. Hopefully by winters end we experience some good storms and high tides that remove some sand off of the beaches exposing the lower layers of sand that is more favorable to us.

Now is a good time to sharpen your skills and hunt around fire rings. This is a problem area to say the least. The high trash level (nails, pull tabs, foil and melted pieces of cans) makes it difficult to isolate good targets. A good way to get around this is to use a small coil. A 5" coil would be best. This allows you to get between the trash items. With a larger coil there are numerous items in the detection are of the coil for your detector to digest and isolate and masks the good targets.

Hunt Smart!



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4. Mining claims are NOT real property, but a claim to minerals on Public Lands. States where mining claims may be filed, currently include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

National Forest lands in the Midwestern and Eastern United States are "acquired lands" on which mining claims may NOT be filed. These lands are open to prospecting ONLY where the federal government holds the Mineral Rights. In some cases, a prospecting permit or mineral lease may be applied for on these lands, which if approved would give the applicant the exclusive right to prospect on them. Recreational prospecting in Eastern and Midwestern National Forests requires prior contact with the District Ranger for specific regulations and guidelines.

5. Gold location areas (other than specific claims), treasure hunting sites, and gem locations may be within restricted activity areas or on private property. It is the **MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY** to obtain permission and follow **ALL** applicable federal, state, or local regulations.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

#### PERMITS:

Members are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, both state and federal. Claims located within a National Forest or on BLM land may require a Notice of Intent submitted to the district office. Permit application approval generally takes 30 days. We suggest that you contact the appropriate Ranger District prior to filing permit applications as local requirements may vary depending on the size of the operation. Panning for gold in some areas may require a permit. Some claims may have a Plan of Operation filed with the Ranger District to cover club activities. The Ranger District will have information as to this status.

#### MAINTENANCE:

Vandalism, unfortunately, is a common occurrence on public land. Claim markers may be destroyed or missing. You can help by replacing location markers to identify the claim, picking up trash left behind, reporting claim jumpers (that includes members without **current** Prospecting Permit), and packing out all of your own trash.

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### RECLAMATION AND GUIDELINES:

The BLM and Forest Service require that all areas of surface disturbance be returned to their original contours. This can be done by filling in holes when mining activity is finished. Do NOT cut or undermine trees, dredge, hydraulic or dig into stream banks. "Green belts" at least 10 feet wide should be left along the edges of stream banks. Do NOT disturb established vegetation. Dredging should be limited to active stream channels. Avoid dredging clay layers that could cause excessive downstream silting. In desert areas, fill in all holes. These requirements are for the safety of others, as well as making good environmental sense. If you encounter individuals who are not following the guidelines, inform them that their activities are damaging to all prospectors. If they are uncooperative, you should report them to the district ranger immediately. If in California you can also report them to the Fish and Game Department (if violation occurs near water) by calling their toll free hotline: (800) 952-5400.

### CLAIM REPORTS:

Please fill out Claim Report forms when you visit any claim. These reports are very important for keeping the claims updated. Information should include type of work performed, date and length of stay, improvements made and comments about access and gold recovery.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

It is in our best interest to have good relations with neighboring claim owners as well as the general public and government officials. Let's all make sure that their impression of GPAA members is a good one. It's taken a lot of effort to make all of these claims available for you to use. Many have been held in families for years. Don't spoil the program by not doing your part as an honest, responsible miner.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All claims, locations, regulations and information in this Mining Guide are provided on a "best efforts" basis. We cannot be responsible for typographical errors, changes in status, access to locations, or changes in regulations.

*The above information was taken directly from the current GPAA mining claim guide*

*Pages FS-5, FS-6 and FS-7*

### GPAA

#### Membership Kits

Available

At each TSS Meeting

\$71.00 per kit

Cash or Check

We save you the shipping and  
handling cost for GPAA!

Available at the membership/sign in table.



## TSS EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. Kent Donalson is the Equipment Manager.

We have:

- 2 Sluice Boxes - 3 feet long
- 1 Sluice Box - 4 feet long
- 1 Highbanker with motor and pump
- 1 Gold Grabber (box type high banker with motor and pump)
- 1 Small Dry Washer (no leaf blower)
- 1 Large Dry Washer (Keene 151 with leaf blower)
- 1 Dry Vac (5 gallon size) with motor
- 1 Dredge 3 inch (with motor, pump, hooka air, misc. hoses, end nozzles and accessories)
- 1 Magnetic Sweeper on rollers

All that we ask (and it's not much) is that, anything that is checked out, is to be returned in the same or better condition than when it is borrowed. It's understandable that with the nature of our hobby the equipment will get some bumps and bruises, which is acceptable, but if parts are lost or broke, it is the responsibility of the 'borrower' to repair or replace missing or broken parts. To go a little more in depth - - if a motor is on it's last leg and you are using it and it poops out, we understand that it's not your fault and don't expect you to replace it. On the other hand, if you have been using the motor for an extended period of time and forget to check and see if oil is needed, and the motor burns up, that would be a different story.

Feel free to give Kent a call if you would like to use 'your equipment', his phone number is on the back page of the newsletter. All he asks, is that you give him a couple of days notice when you might need something, and when items are returned that they be in a CLEAN condition. This is to be respectful to the next person checking out the item. All equipment must be returned by the next meeting from when it was checked out. This will allow you any where from one week to three weeks usage.

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### Books by Blakey

Blakey Stanford, a TSS member, is the proud publisher of many interesting books. 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 too the article. He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or three for \$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors also sells them for \$20 each. All have no shipping - no sales tax. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSS Chapter meetings.

Available compilations and re-prints are:

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

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**For Sale -**

Minelab Quattro with 10.5" search coil. 2 years old. Works great.

In original box. Sells new for \$1,075.00. Selling for \$750.00

Contact: Mike Mahr 760-473-8456 or mikemahr@roadrunner.com

**For Sale -**

Home made puffers (drywashers)

Contact: Charles Gates 760-237-3782 or gates\_69\_88@hotmail.com

**For Sale -**

Parrotlets. Hand raise, cute and fun. The smallest of the parrot breed. Lots of character in a small parrot. Ready to go to their new owners. \$75.00 each.

Contact: Linda 760-451-1072 or Linranjan@yahoo.com

**For Sale -**

Wetsuits. 1 X-Large, 2 large and 1 small. And 2 full size bib style wetsuits.

All are in great shape, if not like new. \$75.00 each.

Contact: Lee Crnokvic 760-519-7757 or slgacrnk@aol.com

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Contact: Lee Crnokvic 760-519-7757 or slgacrnk@aol.com

**For Sale -**

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Contact: Frank Trutta 760-743-8516 or scthfrank@yahoo.com

**For Sale -**

30 foot 50amp cable with marine connection on female end.

\$100.00 or best offer.

Contact: Roy Stone (Stoney) 760-390-8470 or Stonefallbrook@aol.com

Treasure Seekers of San Diego welcomes the opportunity for it's members to run free ad's in the newsletter.

This is just a reminder that Treasure Seekers of San Diego does not endorse or guarantee any product sold or purchased through these ads.

That is strictly the buyers and sellers responsibility.

**Gold Bags**

**\$6.00 per bag**

*Or*

**Summer Special Of**

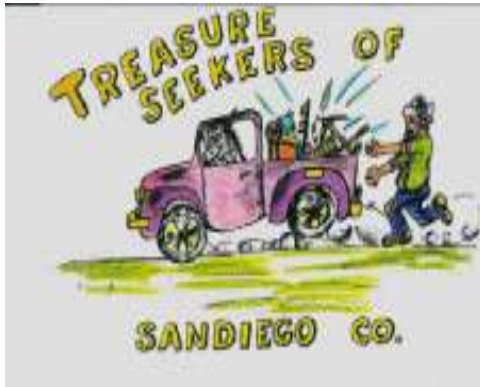
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TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN  
DIEGO COUNTY

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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

210 Park Avenue, Escondido.

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

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