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DIFFERENT INTERESTS - NEW IDEAS

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County was founded on May 21, 2003.

“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.”

What once was a group of prospectors with interest in gold hunting has expanded to today's membership group. The interests of today's members are for gold, gems, minerals, relics, caches and treasures, geo-caching, metal detecting beaches and ruins and whatever else you can imagine.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County holds two structured outings per month. They are the beach metal detecting outing the Sunday following our meeting and then the outing on the third weekend of the month.

Many members have expressed interest in getting the group together for other adventures and we love it.

If you have an interest to go somewhere other than what is scheduled, please pass the information on to the Board members, so that we may share the information with the group.

We ask that you give us the name of the location, the date and time, what ever cost there might be, and whatever type of equipment might be needed by the members.

We know that there has been expressed interest in going back out to Oceanview Mine in Pala. We have heard interest in going to the Himalaya mine near Warner Springs. We have heard interest in going fossil hunting. We have heard interest in metal detecting old farm/ranch houses.

If these are things that you would like to do and have the time to gather the needed information. Please do so. We will be more than happy to share that information once it is received.

Our membership has grown since 2003. Many new members with great ideas and we are wanting to do it all.

Help us gather the information.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Metal Detecting*
Sunday, April 5th
12 Noon
South of Oceanside Pier

- *Outing*
Saturday & Sunday
April 18th and 19th
Freedom Claim
TSS claim.

- *GPAA Gold Show*
PRIMM, NV.
Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
April 24th, 25th & 26th

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Ninety eight people at our last general meeting. That’s getting scary. I know why though. Because we have great meetings. We have great speakers. We are learning a lot from these meetings and speakers. And we have some of the best dang members you would want to hang around with.

Great weather is here and we and the TSS members are off to great adventures. Eric Neptune led a whole bunch of our members on a Ramona outing. It must have been a steep climb to the panning site. They did find some gold. And it was close enough to the Barona Casino to go and have lunch afterward. Thank you Eric for leading us to another great adventure.

I got word that the metal detecting outing at Mission Beach was fun for those who went. Nine members attended and the only report I got was that they also found a good place to stop for lunch.

The Red Cloud outing was attended by about twenty of our members. It was also noted that the Temecula Valley Prospectors were out there too. I didn’t hear how many of their members came out. I did hear that the weather changed quite rapidly out there. It went from nice to breezy to maybe a little rain. Ray brought out his black light and they had fun checking out different rock specimens.

Harriett and I spent two different days this month helping out at the GPAA office. We do some minor jobs that they seem to not have much time to complete. Some like stuffing and mailing envelopes and assembling prospecting items. We usually go in during the week since there are more hours to get things done. Nine AM to three PM. We tried to make it work on a Saturday, but they just can’t seem to get enough projects together for that day. I’m going to try to get a calling list together. Just a little volunteer work and they buy us lunch.

This month is the Freedom outing and then the PRIMM Gold show. Both are going to be great. We’ll have the common dig at the outing. There should be enough Keene 151’s out there for everyone to work with. The weather will be perfect. Then PRIMM is always a great gold show. We will have our booth there. Let’s get out and have some fun and find more places to have lunch.....

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, April 2nd:

1:00 PM

Board Meeting

1401 El Norte Parkway

Madrid Manor Mobile Home Park, San Marcos

Sunday, April 5th:

Metal Detecting

12 noon

South of Oceanside Pier

Saturday and Sunday,

April 18th and 19th -

Outing

Freedom Claim

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,

April 24th, 25th and 26th -

Event

PRIMM GPAA Gold Show

Buffalo Bill’s Hotel & Casino

Star of the Desert Arena

<p>T.S.S.</p> <p>Mining Claims Guide</p> <p>Available for</p> <p>Purchase</p> <p>\$20.00 per guide</p> <p>Must show TSS Member-</p> <p>ship card to purchase.</p> <p>Please see:</p> <p>Lee Crnkovic</p>
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UP COMING OUTING

Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th, 2009 will find Treasure Seekers at the Freedom Claim.

The Freedom Claim is located approximately 75 miles north of Hwy. 15 and Hwy. 395.

It is approximately a 3 hour drive from Escondido for an estimated 180 miles.

For complete directions to this claim, please see Lee Crnkovic for a claims guide.

A three page handout is also available at the sign in table.

The claim is known for lots of fine gold to flakes and some smaller nuggets. Drywashers, metal detectors and dowsing rods are recommended for

this area.

The road into this claim is a good dirt road. Motorhomes and trailers have access. Many flat areas for tents and vehicles. Water is available at the Johannesburg Water Dept., located on St. Elmo Street in Johannesburg.

Claim Clean Up: A clean up of the claim area will take place **BEFORE** the common dig starts. Please make sure to do your part.

Common Dig: This will be TSS's second common dig. We are expecting approximately 4 or so Keene 151 drywashers to be working. Everyone that helps with the loading and classifying of the dirt

FREEDOM CLAIM

gets their take of the concentrates.

Some improvements have been suggested and will be improvised on the common dig from last year.

You are not obligated to participate in the common dig.

A potluck and common fire will be held on Saturday night. Please bring a dish to share and some firewood.

The Wagon Master will be announced as the time gets closer.

MARCH'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, March 3rd:

Chapter Meeting

98 people in attendance.

0 new members

Sunday, March 8th:

Metal Detecting - Mission Beach

Julie Schalow, Frank & Zee Trutta, Mike Lee, Jerry Kaplan, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, John Howe and Mary Brown

Saturday and Sunday, March 21st & 22nd:

Outing - GPAA Red Cloud Claim

18 people in attendance.

Charlie Freeman, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, Kent Ramsay, Jerry Kaplan, Jean and Larry Neely, Bruce McCoy, Roy Stone, Mary Brown, Mark Gartland, Ray Wilkerson, Julie Schalow and Karol, Don LaFollette, Ed Bush, Cal Messenger, Terry and Trish King.

Short time visitors: Charlene & Bill Myers

MARCH'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: John Howe, Sue Conner, Gabriel Buccat and Jim Varonfakis

Door Prize Winner: Carol Ramsay

50/50 Winner: John Perry

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: Sharon and Lee Crnkovic

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: Jim Varonfakis

Finds of the Month Winner - Minerals: Julie Schalow

Grand Prize Winner - Portable Folding Sluice - Lois Dolan

CONGRATULATIONS!

A new prospecting member has joined TSS! Her name is Kailynn Rose. She arrived in this world on Thursday, March 26th at 6:49 AM. Weighing in at 7 pounds 15 ounces and a length of 19 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are Kandice Skidmore and Travis Carter.

Travis said that both mom and baby are doing very well and that Miss Kailynn has a strong grip.

Already showing she will fit in when they go out gold and gem hunting.

Congratulations Kandice and Travis!

We can't wait to see her out there at our outings with you.

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.

TSS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

In January of this year, TSS has developed a Membership Directory to share with the members who are interested in sharing their contact information with other members willing to do the same.

If you would like to be included in the Membership Directory, please see Charlene at the Membership/Sign In table for the form to fill out.

The directory is up-dated once a month and shared via e-mail. Hard printed copies are for those members who do not have internet access.

GRAND PRIZE

Tickets can be purchased for the Grand Prize of a portable recirculating mini sluice with motor and pump. Drawing will take place at the June meeting. Have you gotten your tickets?

If you were born in the month of April -

Your flower is: Sweet Pea, Daisy

Your stone is: Diamond, Opal, Quartz, White Sapphire

Your meaning is: Innocence

Your colors are: Yellow, Red and Colorless

Diamond: Of the traditional type, a colorless stone is most valuable, although colored diamonds (blue, green, pink, violet, red or yellow) are also very costly, but extremely rare: the fewer inclusions, the more value it has. Extremely durable, but not indestructible, can crack and chip, should be removed during any activity.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

HAPPY EASTER - HAPPY SPRINGApricot Chicken (Easter)

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into chunks
- 2 gloves of garlic, minced
- 1 TBS. oil, olive or vegetable
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves or apricot/pineapple
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce or chili sauce
- 1/4 cup or less of water or soda pop
- 2 TBS. onion soup mix, any brand

Cook chicken in garlic and oil until brown. Place in an 8-inch baking dish. Combine everything else and pour over chicken. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 25-30 minutes until juices run clear.

Serve over rice.

Orange Glazed Carrots - (great for Passover)

- 1 pound baby carrots
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 3 TBS brown sugar
- 2 TBS butter
- 1 pinch kosher salt

Place carrots in a shallow saucepan, and cover with water. Boil until tender. Drain and return carrots to pan. Pour orange juice over carrots and mix well. Simmer over medium heat for about 5 minutes. Stir in brown sugar, butter and salt. Heat until butter and sugar melt.

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY: FRANK TRUTTA

The beaches, on the whole, have not been yielding any riches. The weather has been on the cool side so the crowds we would like to see have not materialized. There has not been any good storms to tear up the beaches as all us beach hunters would like to see. We love erosion!

But have hope. The weather is warming up and the beaches will be filling up again giving us new targets to recover. Be sure to support drinking at the beaches - drunk people shed jewelry. Since the drinking bans have been enforced the finds on those beaches has notably dropped. Support your local beach drunk.

Have patience.

Hunt Smart!



TSS - WHO'S ELECTED AND WHO'S APPOINTED

Tonight's Chapter meeting is the election for two of our officers. The positions up for election are President and Treasurer. These are two year terms. The elected official must be a GPAA or LDMA member in good standing as well as a member in good standing with TSS.

Only members of TSS who are also members of GPAA or LDMA, in good standing, may vote on these elections.

The office of President, Vice President, Treasure and Recording Secretary are elected positions and make up the Board of Directors for TSS.

The positions of Membership, Ways and Means, Librarian, Claims, Refreshments, Metal Detecting, Newsletter/Public Relations, Claims Guide and Equipment Manager are appointed by the current Board.

There is also Director At Large appointees who assist at the direction of the Board members.

Non of these positions draw pay. It is all done as a volunteer.

HELPING OUT AT GPAA OFFICE

As you read in the President's message, GPAA is sometimes in need of volunteers to help with various items at different times. This is mostly done on a weekday.

If you would like to be placed on a 'call list' to help when needed, please sign up at the back table.

Some of the work involves stuffing envelopes, putting mining equipment together, inventorying magazines, getting information and items ready for the gold shows.

They will feed you lunch and you get to see what the back room of the GPAA office is all about.

Please place your name, telephone number and e-mail address on the sign up sheet if you are interested.

GEMSTONES - THE BEGINNING

FROM: THE POWER OF GEMSTONES

Where Are Gemstones Found?

The cooling Earth settled into three main layers: the outer crust, the semi-fluid mantle and the molten inner core. Most gemstones are made from minerals and so are found in the Earth's rocks, either on the surface or much further towards the heart of the planet. "Igneous" rocks, for example, are born within the mantle. This massive layer swirls with a substance called magma, which forms rock when it cools under the intense pressure found deep within the Earth. Solid rocks brought to the surface by the lava flowing from erupting volcanoes suggest that magma is made mainly of a substance known as peridotite, and the main minerals in peridotite are olivine and pyroxene.

By far the most prolific element in the Earth's crust is silicon. Silicon and oxygen combine easily and quickly to form silicon dioxide, and the majority of mineral compounds contain these elements in varying proportion. Next time you stroll along a golden, sandy beach, anywhere in the world, remind yourself that the surface beneath your feet is actually made of tiny grains of silicon dioxide, otherwise known as quartz, stained golden by the soluble iron carried to it by sea-water.

All kinds of gemstones are excellent examples of silicon compounds, most of them containing silicon and oxygen. They also contain various other related elements, which produce varying proportions of colour.

The Human Element -

When early humans first discovered gem crystals, they noticed how different they were from most other stones and rocks - they had attractive colours and pleasing, uniform shapes. Because they were very hard, little was done with these gems at first, except for binding them with animal or vegetable sinews and wearing them as ornaments. Soon, however, these first peoples discovered how to chip and cleave these stones and used many of them as tools and weapons.

And when they looked deeply into the hearts of some of the crystals they found, they were awed by a strange sense of power that so many of these gems seemed to possess. Early man would set aside an extraordinarily beautiful gem crystal and venerate it as the talisman of his household, looking to the gem to protect his family from harm and guide his spears and arrows to their targets on hunting trips.

Accident Wisdom -

Crystals and gemstones were also venerated by the ancients, and they too believed that these beautiful, cold, hard stones must be endowed with supernatural powers that would protect them from illness, misfortune and danger. Travellers and pilgrims regularly carried gemstone talismans to keep them safe from harm - even on short visits to the next village.

Fact & Fantasy

According to the ancients, every precious stone had a particular talismanic power over the forces of darkness - from emeralds and diamonds, through semi-precious gems, such as garnet and malachite, to more mundane stones such as flint. Between them, gems could overcome witches, wizards, and the hags that were said to ride horses and cattle roughshod over the countryside in the dead of the night.

GPAA Membership Kits

Available At each TSS Meeting

\$78.18 per kit Cash or Check

We save you the shipping and
handling cost from 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 Mini Recirculating 9 inch Sluice with pump and motor and tub.
- 1 Mini Recirculating sluice with pump and motor (no tub)
- 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.

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

MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

MARCH'S CHAPTER MEETING



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CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

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 -

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

For Sale -

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector \$150.00

White's Beach Hunter ID Metal Detector \$400.00

Minelab SD 2200 with two extra coils \$600.00

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.

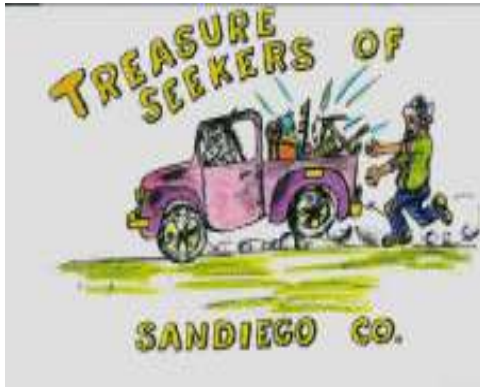
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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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