

FINDERS KEEPERS

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President's Message

April is going to be a busy month. Members want to get out to the claims and practice their prospecting skills. Those who know are willing to take the new members and teach them. That is what this organization is all about. That is why we are an educational organization. When I get the word on where they will be, I'll let you know. We do have the Las Vegas gold Show on the third weekend this month. There we get to show and teach the public how to pan for gold and also the fine art of dowsing. Those are the skills that the old timers used and through us, these skills will never die. Just a reminder, if you are going, the show

is at the Southpoint Hotel and Casino. The show date is April 17 and 18. If you are going to stay there, the group code is GOLo415.

We will have an outing at the Freedom Claim the weekend of April 24-25.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Geology Tour April 10-11th-Meet at Mt. Woodson Elementary School at 9 am -David Rice

Sunday, April 11th - Beach Metal Detecting - La Jolla Shores

Saturday and Sunday, April 17th & 18th - GPAA Gold Show - South Point Hotel, Las Vegas

Tuesday, April 20th-Jeanie Neely and Big "C" Oceanside Pier 9 am. West end of Harbor Dr north of the pier.

Saturday and Sunday, April 24th - 25th - Outing - Freedom Claim- Jim Mears wagon master

March Geode Run

The March geode run had great weather in the 80s and most folks found great rocks. Some came out Thursday and stayed till Monday, most came Thursday and went home Sunday. We went to the opel hill mine and the Pebble terraces for fossils and kinneys rock shop in Palo Verde. We also went to the Cinnamon Beds and Lee found a nice one, but Gay Huberts took three hours to get her soccer ball size geode out of the hole with out breaking it. All said they had a great time. and here they are,,,Lee Crnkovic ,Sharon Crnkovic -Judy Carpenter ,Gene Lepper ,Frank Huberts ,Gay Huberts ,Kent Donalson, Wes Donalson ,Terry King ,Trish King ,Mark Gartland , (Gary Jercha and Jennifer Jercha -Guests) Julie Schalow ,Karol Rauch ,Bill Myers ,Charlene myers ,Charlie Freeman. and Sunday morning we went on a half day run to the black hills area and some found golf ball size geodes lying on the ground. Oh yes we had a wonderful Pot Luck Saturday afternoon with a lot of great food and not much leftovers yum!! Big"C"

President's Message (Cont'd)

This is going to be a common dig. This is where we all can learn to drywash and do it with those who know the art. So, we want to see as many new members come and share the knowledge and gold we find. Remember, these claims belong to all of us and they are provided as a learning experience.

Those who are interested in gems and minerals, remember the Palomar Gem and Mineral organization. They will meet on April 21 at the Redwood Terrace in Escondido.

We had a great teaching event at the Hannalei Elementary School this past month. Thank you all who volunteered to help with the event. Ray taught them how to pan, Jerry taught them how to use a detector. I gave them the history of the gold rush and Loren and Sue showed the best ways to find the gold and precious stones.

We have a sign up sheet for volunteers at the Del Mar Fair. We have to turn in that now for those who will be showing the kids how to search for precious stones. That's in June, but we need the list now. Sometimes, we have to help the little ones search for precious stones in the sand and also their lost benkies that drop out of their mouth's. Do you get the picture?
Sourdough Chet

TSS MEMBERSHIP AND CLAIMS GUIDE

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual dues. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate with the group.

A membership application must be completed. Please see anyone at the back sign in table for an application. This should be done at your first meeting.

By the second meeting that you attend, you will be given a membership card, at which time you are able to purchase one of TSS's Claim Guides.

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, treasure hunting and some maps. The process for checking out the material is easy.

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 broken, 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 to 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

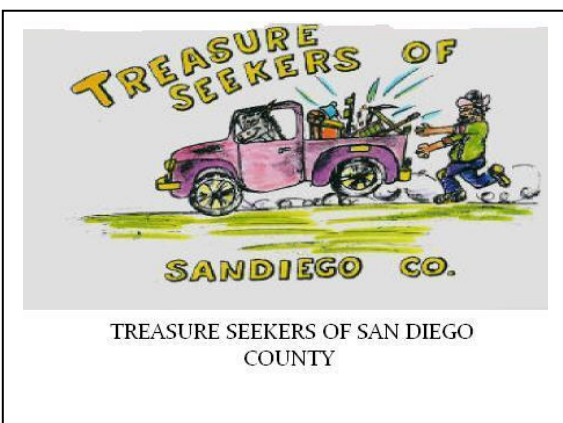
Peg Leg's Lost Gold

Randsburg Gold

Twenty-nine Palms Gold

Yuma Gold

(November please request books via email or snail mail.)



TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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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ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT MEETINGS

TSS Claim Guides - \$20.00 per guide with proof of your TSS membership card.

TSS Dowsing Rods - Member Price: \$15.00 for ½ inch handles and \$17.00 for ¾ inch handles. We are limited to 20 pairs on hand - first come, first served.

TSS Bags of Gold Dirt - \$8.00 per bag - 4 bags for \$30.00! Save on the cost of gasoline and still get some practice time in! ***One in every 10 bags will have a 'little' something extra in it. You just never know what you are going to get!

Opportunity Drawings at this meeting:

50/50 Drawing, Gold Nugget Drawing, Table Drawing and the famous Door Prize drawing. New Grand Prize will be a mini-sluice with backpack and accessories. Drawing will take place at the March meeting.

Metal Detecting Report:

We had a good turn out on March 9th at the Oceanside pier. Sue Conner and Charlie Freeman. We did not find anything of value but had a good time. Thanks Charlie



'89 HONDA TRX300 UTILITY ATV. Excellent cond., electric start, 2 brand new front tires, heavy duty rear cargo rack. Also selling with utility trailer for hauling and 2 aluminum ramps for loading.

Package deal \$3500.

Anyone interested please contact Betty Perry at cell# 707-696-6887 or email redwoodequine1@yahoo.com

Miner's Cookbook

Recipes by Judy Carpenter

ABALONE CHICKEN

2-3 large boneless / skinless chicken breasts

1 bottle Clam Juice

Thinly slice the chicken breast long way (partly frozen for easier slicing). Place sliced chicken in to a glass or plastic bowl (do not use metal), pour the bottle of clam juice over all pieces of the chicken, cover the bowl and marinate over night in the refrigerator. When you are ready to cook, remove chicken from the clam juice, and discard the juice, season the chicken with pepper (optional). Dredge the chicken in finely crushed saltine crackers or seasoned bread crumbs. Fry in hot oil until chicken is done, about 4 minutes.

12 CUPCAKE SURPRISE

1 Jiffy cake mix, any flavor Chocolate, Yellow or White
miniature chocolate candy's- Snicker, 3 Musketeers, Milky Way (Place one unwrapped candy in the center of each of the cup cakes before baking)

Mix and bake according to directions on packages.

Pictures from the March Geode Outing



Hannalei Elementary School Pictures

