

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

So many events going on this month and I almost forgot the president's message. On my mind is that we have some interesting items at our general meeting including a "Mystery Guest". We have some of our members coming to our board meeting with some new ideas. We have a California Gold Rush demonstration this Friday the 4th at Oak Hill Elementary School and also next Friday the 11th at Pioneer Elementary School.

Also, while all this is going on, we will be showing our members how to sluice and pan for gold at the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. Plus we will be at the Del Mar Fair helping the little kids dig for precious stones.

Now to hit on some of May's events. Ray and I went up to the GPAA Route 66 Chapter. Ray did a talk on the use of Mercury and Retort. I see where they are incorporating a lot of our agenda items. I love it when I see other chapters doing the things we do.

We also went to an old ranch up in Menifee and did some metal detecting. The house and barn is over 100 years old. There is an old Assay Office building on the adjacent property. We met a lovely lady owner of this place and we may get to do this again. We did find some old coins and other metal objects.

The Two Quartz outing was a very big success. We spread out all over the area and everyone found gold. Jim and Sue Jeffery showed everyone where the best digging spots were. A new member and his 11 year old daughter was there and JD and I let them dig in our spot and she went home with gold.

Well, don't forget that we need volunteers for both school events, remember that our outing is at the San Gabriel River and start planning for the Dixon Lake outing where we will be having a metal detecting and gold panning contest.

~Sourdough Chet~

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, June 6th - Beach Metal Detecting - Oceanside Pier (North side) 7:00am

Wednesday, June 12th - Beach Metal Detecting - La Jolla Shores 9:00am "Keep All You Find" Big C

Saturday and Sunday, June 19th - 20th - Outing - East Fork San Gabriel River

Saturday, July 10th - TSS Picnic @ Dixon Lake

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## **A METAL DETECTING REPORT**

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Here's this month's detecting report from O'side Beach - South Pier

Attendees; John Howe, Keith Browning, Randy Oyler, Linda Oyler, Frank Trutta.

Randy brought his mother Linda for her Mother's Day Wish.

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## **ATTENDANCE**

We had 107 sign in at the May general meeting with 10 new membership applications.

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## **FOR SALE!**

Brand New KEENE MINI Dry Washer with MOTOR Model  
DW212V \$750.00

Includes 12V Motor for automated action and easy  
turning hand crank for manual action.

Contact: Joey  
Pick Up in Oceanside  
Phone: (760)936-3543

## 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.

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

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## 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.

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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 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

## 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  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido  
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## Miners Cookbook By Judy Carpenter

### Coconut/Pineapple Bread Pudding w/ Rum Sauce

#### Ingredients

10-12 slices white bread (crust removed), cubed  
1/2 cup butter (1 stick), melted  
3 large eggs, slightly beaten  
1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple, drained (reserve all juice, about 1/2 cup)  
1/2 cup flaked coconut, toasted  
1/2 cup macadamia nuts, chopped (optional)  
1 1/4 cup sugar  
1- 8 oz. can Evaporated milk (Carnation)  
1-1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
Whipped cream, optional

#### Directions:

Place bread on a baking sheet. Bake at 375° for 4 minutes; turn over and bake 4 minutes longer or until very light brown. Cut toasted bread into 1-in. cubes. Toss with melted butter; set aside.

In a bowl, beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored. Add the pineapple, sugar, evaporated milk, macadamia nuts, toasted coconut and vanilla; mix well. Fold in bread cubes.

Pour into a greased 2-1/2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover and bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown. Serve warm with rum sauce or whipped cream if desired. Yield: 8-10 servings.  
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### Rum Sauce

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4 teaspoons cornstarch  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup reserved pineapple juice  
1/4 cup dark rum

For Rum Sauce:

Combine sugar and cornstarch in small bowl. Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Stir sugar mixture and pineapple juice into butter. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture begins to boil. Continue cooking, stirring constantly, for 1 minute or until thick. Remove from heat; stir in rum. Serve warm. Makes 1 cup.

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**Finds of the Month - Three Categories:**

Bring in your Finds of the Month. This is what you have 'found' during the last month.

One for gems and minerals, One for Gold and the Other for metal detecting finds. Show off what you have done in the last month!

Prize for winner of each category.

**Items available for purchase at the meeting are:**

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

**TSS Dowsing Rods** - Member Price: \$15.00 for 1/2 inch handles and \$17.00 for 3/4 inch handles. We are limited to 20 pairs on hand - first come, first served.

**TSS Bags of Gold Dirt** - \$8.00 per bag - or 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.

Quarterly Grand Prize drawing---Sluice + Backpack (June drawing)

Hope to see you there - lots to do!

# Dredging Refunds

The California Senate has just passed legislation that will grant a full refund to any and all suction dredgers who bought permits during 2009. You can see how hard our lobbyists have been working for us by following the link below:

<http://www.goldgold.com/legal/refund-legislation1.pdf>

We are giving away three ounces of beautiful placer gold in our new legal fund-raiser, and it would sure be great if you will buy some tickets! For more details, please go to this link:

<http://www.goldgold.com/legal/april2010-legal-fundraiser.pdf>

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