

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

June, 2011

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our outdoor weather is here. Its time to break out your snake guards, shovels, metal detectors, sluices, dry washers and guide books for gems and minerals. Beaches, parks, rivers, deserts and gem deposits, get ready.

Some of us were out to the Two-Quartz claim in May. There is always gold to find there. I've heard that the beaches are starting to produce great coin and jewelry finds.

Some of us went to Temecula to do a California Gold Rush presentation at one of the elementary schools. We also had a presentation at Oak Hill Elementary School in Escondido, which went very good. Six classes of 28 students.

Next Wednesday, we have the Pioneer School and the following Friday, we start our volunteering at the Del Mar Fair Gem and Mineral Booth.

Our outing for June is scheduled to be at the Montezuma Mine. I don't think this is a claim to keep unless you have 4 wheel drive. The first part of the dirt road is very rough to get through. Then you have to battle the big block of concrete up by the mine tailing piles. We did find an old dump site possibly by some old cabin nearby. This might be a claim for us to give up at next filing date.

We picked up five new claims out in the Cargo Mountains, this side of Yuma, Arizona. The only problem is that right now is when it starts to get very hot out there. These claims are right in the middle of the Cargos and that is the best gold producing area. We already placed the center markers out there and some of those who did that already found some good gold. The claim maps should be ready soon.

We have some new officers sworn in. Jerry Goldstein is our new Treasurer and Dwight Reed is our new Vice President. Thank you guys for stepping up to help us grow even bigger. I'm hoping Dwight will bring us some new information and places to metal detect. Jerry is already doing a great job as part of the Claims Committee. He was one of those who helped stake out our new Cargo claims.

Speaking of those new claims, I want to personally thank Earl Sterrett for all the help on the claims and also helping, actually doing most of the work, in getting all our tax exempt papers done and all the necessary yearly filing of tax papers for the State and Federal Governments. The Center for Biological Diversity is trying to convince the California lawmakers that there

should be a 5 year moratorium on dredging. The same Center helped to close parts of Coolguardie for mining.

So many things going on and so hard to remember them all. Stay tuned and close to the meetings and newsletter for the latest information. When we get the news, we will pass it on to our members.

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Last Month

We had 108 sign the attendance sheet with eight new membership applications.

April Gold Show: Didn't go well. Attendance was low and not many kids to pan for gold.

Our new vice-president is Dwight Reed and our new treasurer is Jerry Goldstein.

May 8, 2011 Metal Detecting Outing @ Mission Beach

Attendees: John Howe, Mike Pruitt (new member)

I found 30 coins (\$4.03) in the 2 1/2 hours I detected. Almost all the coins were fresh drops, so the people are coming back! It should only get better.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tracy will be our speaker for the June meeting covering the website.

We will be hitting the north side of the coaster at mission beach on the 14th of June at about 8ish am. And again you 'keep ALL you find.' Rain or shine we will be there. Big"C"

Finds of the Month

Show off what you have done in the **last month!**
1st and 2nd Prize winners for each category.

Gold
Gems and Minerals
Metal Detecting

Items available for purchase at the meeting

Claim Guides - \$20.00 per guide with your TSSD membership card.

Dowsing Rods - \$20.00 as available

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - one bag/\$8.00 or four bags/\$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!

Drawings at this meeting

Door Prize

50/50 Drawing

Gold Nuggets

Table Drawing

Quarterly Grand Prize drawing for June:
Black Magic Fine Gold Recovery System with Extras

www.pro-goldprospecting.com



See Yoko For your WINNING Ticket!!!

MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

What's Dad Cookin'?

1 small white onion, diced fine (about 1/2 cup)

1/2 - 3/4 cup Barbeque Sauce, any flavor or brand

1/3 cup Kentucky Bourbon

2- 16 oz cans or 1- 32 oz can Pork n' Beans

1- 7 oz. of Original Spam, diced in small bites, smoky links or hot dogs can be used as well.

Sauté the onions and spam in a large sauce pan, add the BBQ sauce, bourbon and beans. Heat thoroughly and serve.

FOR SALE

I'm getting married in May of next year and I need to sell my whites mxt.

I'm asking \$1000

It comes with 1 - 4 inch double d coil, 1- 9.5 stock coil & 1- 12 inch white super coil

Ndt gray ghost headset

Whites bulls eye pin pointer

PI pistol pin pointer

Carry cases for equipment

Sand sifter basket

A grass knife for cutting holes

A garden bulb digger for digging

A small razor shovel for digging larger holes

And many other items I'm forgetting.

I will take out whoever buys it for the first few times and teach them everything they need to know.

You will find stuff the first time out.

I really hate to sell my mxt but I need to pay for a wedding ring.

Mike lee

760-685-1479

TSSD MEMBERSHIP AND CLAIMS GUIDE

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge 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 TSSD's Claim Guides.

TSSD 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.

TSSD EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE

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

Inventory:

- 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, 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. *i.e. If a motor is on it's last leg, 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, forget to check if oil is needed and the motor burns up that would be a different story.*

Feel free to give Earl Sterrett at 858-922-4547 a call, if you would like to use "our equipment." 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 TSSD 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. No shipping – No sales tax. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSSD 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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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.

<http://treasureseekersofsandiego.org>

Meetings are held at the Joslyn Senior Center
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