

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We were busy this past month. We put on a California Gold Rush Days at Pioneer Elementary School. We had six classes of 24 students each. And, we did a great job again. Thank you Donna, Sue, Ray, Jim, Robert, Loren Keith and Jerry.

We had three days at the Del Mar Fair volunteering at the Gem and Mineral Booth. That's always fun helping the kids hunt in the sand for polished gemstones. The real fun starts when the younger kids drop their binky in the sand and you quickly cover it with the sand.....

I heard we had a good turnout at the outing in Ranchita. That's a rough place to get into, but there are so many places to explore, including the Montezuma mine. Big C always likes to be the wagonmaster on this outing because he has been traveling this area since his younger years. There is good news for California Dredging. For those who don't follow politics, some California lawmakers had inserted a "rider" into the budget bill. This "rider" would put a FIVE year moratorium on any dredging in CA. Well, many letters and FAX's were sent wanting Gov. Brown to veto the bill and resume the environmental impact report (EIR) being done on the effects of dredging. Well, the Gov. vetoed the bill. According to the story in the Sacramento Bee, Brown said, "Fish and Game can now finish working on the EIR and associated regulations, though the resumption of dredging is not assured." There is a Congressman, Tom McClintock (R-CA), that wrote a newspaper piece it stated that he was mad as hell that California lawmakers were trying to kill a solvent industry.

Well, we have the picnic coming up this month. We are supposed to have a much-better metal detecting hunt this year. Thank you Jerry for stepping up to help us out. All I will say is that the prizes should be better. We will also have our gold panning contest. We'll work on those prizes too.

East Fork of the San Gabriel should be just about right. Jim and Sue did an event up there the past week. I believe they are going to do some more outings up there.

That's it for now. Stay busy, be safe and have fun.

Sourdough Chet

Thank You “Bravo Zulu”

State & Federal Tax Exempt Filings: Earl Sterrett has filed the forms 199N and 990N for the club. Chester again said he can't thank Earl enough for all the work he has done to get our tax exempt status and the filing of papers for our existing claims and looking for new claims and doing all the paperwork involved with it.

Last Month



Oak Hill Elementary in Escondido

Finds of the Month:

Gold: 1st- Dan McGuigan 2nd-Mike Regan

Metal: 1st- John Howe 2nd-John Hendricks

Rocks & Gems: 1st- Charles Bailey 2nd-Linda Durbin

Door Prize: Earl Sterrett

Gold Nuggets: Blake Sanford, Robert Gray, & Charles Bailey

50/50 of \$40.00: Tom Dunbar

Grand Prize: Black Magic Fine Gold Recovery Machine- Leon Brillon

Metal Detecting Outings for June....

Club outing @ Oceanside Pier (South side) 6/5/11

Attendees: John Howe, Mike Pruitt, Frank & Zee Trutta, Bransen Crosby, Donna Shout, John Hendricks, Bob Adimari & Al Freeman

Notes: Not a very productive outing. 4 other guys were already detecting and finds were slim. I didn't hear of anything significant.

As a point of reference, I went to LJ Shores the following day and found 44 coins (\$4.46) and a "golden" ring all in the same detecting time. So I guess you need to be at the right place at the right time!

Big C's K-A-Y-F outing @ Mission Beach 6/14/11

Attendees: Big "C", John Howe, Lee Darling, Jim Sopher, Lee Curtis (guest), John Hendricks

Notes: Not a real great day since the Zamboni was sweeping the beach, but I found 2 rings, a cloisonné ring and a 14k gold wedding ring. I found the owner and returned it the next day. He was VERY happy!
John Howe

Ranchita gold run !

We had a great turn out with 11 showing up. Again being gold miners they did not tell how much gold they found, but they could keep all that was found. Attendees: Rick and Chris Nead, Rudy and Beth Haluza, Joe Garl, Kay Byrne, Jerry Kaplen, Robert and Karen Cook, Gary Eckert, and last but not least Charlie Big"C" Freeman wagonmaster. The weather was great and so were the miners. Some drywashed and some Metal Detected in old housing area, Robert and Jerry did a little repel into the large mine shaft and brought up some dirt to take home and check for gold. Thanks to all who came and those who had FRS/GMRS hand held radios so we could all talk to each other, We need more members to buy such radios. Big"C"

Suggestion Box: Got 3 suggestions in our new suggestion box.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October outing: will now be held out at the new Cargo claims.

Don't forget the TSS Picnic July 16th at Dixon Lake. We will have a potluck, plus there will be metal detecting contest and a gold panning contest. Lee will have directions to Dixon Lake at July meeting.

Metal Detecting Upcoming Outings

Sunday July 10 @ Mission Beach (near rollercoaster). Start 7:00-ish and meet at 10:00 to compare finds. The beach sweeper shouldn't be operating so there ought to be stuff to find after the holiday. **John Howe**

Tuesday July 12 around 8-ish. We will meet on the bay side east of the roller coaster at Mission beach. Because the beach is too clean for my liking. And again, **K-A-Y-F . Big"C"**

Reminder: To receive their 2011 membership card you need to sign the TSS claims rules. One copy will be kept in the membership book; the 2nd copy is for the member to put in their claims guide. We are asking that you wear your new membership card which will be in a badge holder at all TSS functions and outings, plus at the outings have your claims guide with you.

Metal Detecting - Minelab Safari Tips

On your Minelab Safari (also the Explorer and E-Trac) try this for greater depth. Your Safari sensitivity setting has a range from 1 - 20, 20 being the most sensitive. When at the beach try setting the sensitivity at 4 - 5.

These machines are more powerful then you think. The high sensitivity setting will give you the "high beams in fog" affect and the machines will blind themselves. Give it a try and you may be surprised.

Hunt Smart! by **Frank M. Trutta**

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 **Month:**

A Wooden Puffer Drywasher, will be raffled at the September meeting.



See Yoko For your WINNING Ticket!!!

MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

DESERT DIRT PUDDING- fun for the kids

1 (1 lb.) pkg. Original Oreos or other chocolate cookies, crushed
1/2 c. softened butter, not margarine
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 c. powdered sugar
1 (8 oz.) Original Cool Whip
2- small (1.5 oz) pkgs. vanilla instant pudding
3 c. milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream together butter, cream cheese and sugar. Fold in Cool Whip. Mix pudding with milk. Let stand a few minutes. Add vanilla. Add to butter-cream cheese mixture. Mix well.
Put half of cookies in 9 x 13 inch pan. Pour mixture over cookies. Sprinkle rest of crumbs on top. Let stand overnight.

Refrigerate.

FOR SALE

No Ads

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. Terry King 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.

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