

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Haven't heard any bad news about any environmental group trying to fence us off or shut us out of any public lands lately. Have you heard any bad news? We had some great times metal detecting at the beaches and we also found gold up at the San Gabriel River. Some of our members reported a few rings found. There were stories this past month of a cache of old coins. Some large nuggets at the East Fork too. It's still out there, you just have to do your research. Just because summer is almost over doesn't mean that the beaches will end giving up coins and rings. Just ask Frank, John and Big C. The rings and coins are still out there.

Our trip to the Cargo Claims is up for October. There is supposed to be a dip in the weather just before and during our outing. That will be great. It will be in the mid 90's.... We are going to have a work party setting up some corner posts during the outing. Those who help will be compensated. Lee will be our Wagonmaster and he will give us a tour of all the claims.

We had a discussion at our board meeting about wanting to have an event where we all could bring our favorite prospecting and metal detecting toys and do demonstrations on how to use them. Maybe even have a sale of the items we want to part with. This is where your suggestions come in. The event would help the newer members or even the older members find out what is out there and how we use it. Help us out to find a place to hold these events.

That's it for now. Any other discussion or information will be at the general meeting. Study hard, hunt long and search deep.

**Sourdough Chet**

## Last Month

111 in attendance with 17 new members and guests

**Door Prize-** Chester Nowicki

**50/50-** \$65.00 Dan McGuigan

**Finds of the month** –

Gold- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan McGuigan 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Mahr

Metal- 1<sup>st</sup> John Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Reynolds

Gem- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Mears 2<sup>nd</sup> Trish King

**Gold Nuggets:** Keith Browning, Dain Blackburn, John Howe, and Frank Spencer

We had a great turn out for the beach detecting on the 13th at the Oceanside Harbor. The fine forks that showed up were, John Howe , Mike Volberg , Al Freeman ,and the Big"C"  
A good amount of coins were found but no rings or silver coins. There were no sharks and the weather was cool. Thanks Charlie

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no unauthorized selling at TSS club meetings. The seller must have prior board approval to sell items for their personal gain. The exceptions to this are Blake's Books and Steve Berdan selling TSS logo items.

Gary Eckert will speak at our October meeting about the different heads for metal detectors

By unanimous vote, TSS will skip having a booth at the 2012 Gold Shows.

**Finds of the Month:** Randy will not be available to run the table after January 2012. We need to find a replacement volunteer. Interested? Contact any board member.

Lee is the wagon master for the October outing at the new Cargo claims.

**Everyone** needs to pick up their new membership card & wear them

## Metal Detecting Schedule

Sunday, October 9th @ Oceanside Harbor 7:00 am-ish. -John Howe

Midweek Detecting will be on Thursday Oct. 13th at about 8 am-ish on the south side of the Oceanside pier. This will be a keep all that you find trip. Remember to bring your detector and batteries. See you there. Big"C"

## Finds of the Month

Show off what you have done in the **last month!**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/\$10.00 or four bags/\$35.00

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 October:**

A Wooden Puffer Drywasher



**See Yoko For your WINNING Ticket!!!**

# MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

## Two Autumn recipes for those cool nights

### **Spiced Cocoa in a Crock pot**

3 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder  
2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/2 cup sugar (or Splenda granulated for diabetics)  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon or whole cloves  
pinch of nutmeg  
6 cups warm water, not boiling

In crock pot combine the dry milk powder, cocoa, and sugar. Stir in the warm water and vanilla, stirring to dissolve. Place lid on crock pot and heat on low setting for 3 to 4 hours. Whisk or beat before serving to make frothy.

Serve with Whipped Cream and Chocolate shavings or Marshmallows

### **Crock pot Apple Cider**

64 oz. Mulled or Apple Cider, not juice  
3 cinnamon sticks  
1 teaspoon Whole cloves  
1/3 teaspoon each ground cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg  
or 1 Teaspoon allspice  
1/4 cup brown sugar

Mix all ingredients in crock pot. Keep warm or heat on low for 3 to 4 hours. Tie spices in a little sack or cheese cloth before heating in the mixture, or if you have a tea strainer that will work also.

## FOR SALE

Send your Ads to [TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com)

Meteorites For Sale 1 - 150 gram, 1 - 206 gram  
Call Doug Greenland for details and price 760-519-0130

I have a Minelab GP Extreme for sale. I have priced it at \$950.00 and payment can be by cash or Paypal, meaning it can be purchase with a credit card. My wife and I are going on an LDS mission to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic for two years and I would rather sell it than put in shortage. For details 760-420-6955. Carlos Yturralde  
Review by Chris Gholsen <http://www.losttreasure.com/content/archives/minelab-gp-extreme>

I HAVE A TESORO LOBO SUPER TRAQ. GOLD COIL AND SPIDER COIL SKID PLATES FOR EACH OF THEM . FOR SALE IT COME WITH A LIFE TIME WARRANTY. OF COURSE IT IS USED AND IN GOOD SHAPE. ASKING PRICE IS \$450.00 TO A GOOD HOME. DENNIS KELL CELL 619-992-9083

## 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

## Answers to Your Questions About Old Gold and Silver

Gold, silver, meltdown value and old jewelry and silverware are still the discussions of the week. Gold is near an all-time high. Here are the answers to the most-asked questions:

\*Where to sell? We recommend going to an antiques dealer, pawnshop or jewelry store that has been in your town a number of years and has a good reputation. Beware of temporary buyers, online offers that ask you to mail your gold, and traveling groups that buy gold, coins, toys, etc. You can sell any gold, even a tooth with a gold filling. Start with broken pieces, single earrings, rings that don't fit. Then look at your good jewelry and judge by design, number of precious stones, how often you wear it. The buyer will pay for the gold, not for the stones, when figuring the price. Good gold jewelry may sell for more than meltdown at an auction. But an auction gallery will charge a commission, and you will get about 15% to 20% less than the selling price.

\*How to estimate the price? Gold prices are quoted in troy ounces and the purity of the gold is determined by the carats.

To calculate the approximate value of your gold piece:

If the current price of gold is \$1850, divide the current price of gold by 31.10. This will tell you the approximate price of gold per gram. Now take your gold piece and weigh it. One pound (the kind we use in a grocery store and on the bathroom scale) is approximately 454 grams (or one ounce equals approximately 28.35 grams). Calculate the number of grams. You now know the gold price per gram.

Second, determine the purity of the gold. If it is 24 KT then it is almost pure gold so you can use the amount calculated above. If it is 18KT it is 75% gold, 14 KT is 58.33% gold 10KT is 41.67% gold. Multiply the % gold times the price per gram calculated above.

Here is a sample calculation:

If the gold price is \$1850 and your bracelet is 14KT gold and weighs 2 ounces

Price of gold per gram  $\$59.48 = \$1850 / 31.10$

$28.35$  (grams in an ounce)  $\times 2$  (number of ounces)  $\times .4167$  (purity of the gold) =  $23.63$

Price of gold per gram  $\$59.48 \times 23.63$  grams and purity of the gold = bracelet value  $\$1405.51$

Of course, the dealer will subtract his profit from that. You can take your jewelry to several places and see how prices vary. If the price seems low, you don't have to sell. Just remember that everyone (you, the buyer, and the company that melts the gold or auctions the jewelry) will all get part of the cash.

Thanks Charlene

### Orange Challenge Card Info

While pursuing your outdoor endeavor of work, play, recreation or sport and you are challenged by a representative of a governmental agency or public servant, regarding the legality of your activity in their area, you should do the following:

- It is wise to politely ask if you are breaking any law. If you are informed that you are breaking the law, then ask for an explanation of the law and any municipal code that may pertain to the law.
- You should do as the governmental representative asks you, then ask for their name, badge number, position, and the agency and district they represent. Record this information along with the Date, time, and location of the area where you are located.
- If you do have a pleasant response from any of the representatives, such as being informative, cooperative, or helpful, we would like to hear about them also.
- Give this information to your local PLP office or representative and they will advise you of the appropriate procedure to follow.

Use this form to guide you when you are challenged and most of all be polite.

**Name:**

**Badge or ID # Position:**

**Agency:**

**District represented:**

**Date & Time:**

**Location Details:**

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## TSSD MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate with the group.

**First Meeting:** A membership application must be completed.

**Second Meeting:** You will be given a membership card.

**Third Meeting:** You are able to purchase one of TSSD's Claim Guides.

To maintain membership, you must attend one meeting every four months.

# 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.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TreasureSeekersofSD/>

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