

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's going to be over before you know it. This year is drawing to a close. Our last scheduled outing is this month, November 18 – 20 at the new Cargo Claims. We are planning on posting some of the corner markers, touring the various claims and a pot luck dinner on Saturday the 19th. The TSS will supply the ham and others who come are asked to supply a side dish. Bring your claims guide to the event so you can mark those special areas because there are a lot of them.

For December, we will have the Christmas dinner on the 11th. You can come fairly early to help set up, but not to bother the cooks. Side dishes again and we will have our gift exchange. We will also have our regular general meeting on December 7.

We are working on our next year's schedule of outings, so we need your suggestions.

There is a storm brewing between the U.S. Forest Service rangers and prospectors in the San Gabriel Mountains. It appears that there is a ranger and the PLP Public Relations Director are exchanging meetings and messages on prospecting rights. The fight has escalated from the local ranger's supervisor, on up to the Forest Service's office in Washington, D. C. As Mr. Goldberg has stated in his PLP Alert, "it has gone to a bunch of buck passing bureaucrats with misleading statements who bend and twist rules and laws to mislead the American public." Anyone personally know Mr. Goldberg? Let's get him as a speaker.

Like the PLP mission statement reads "to represent and assist outdoor user groups and individuals interested in keeping public and private lands open to prospecting, mining and outdoor recreation through public education, scientific data, and legal means."

Let's enjoy the upcoming holidays with our organization and families.

Sourdough Chet

Chapter Support and Claims Etiquette

As our organization gets larger, we start to suffer from growing pains. As our organization grows, we look for more and better speakers because our members and guests come here to learn.

They want to learn about gems and minerals in our area.

They want to learn how to identify and find them.

They want to learn how to relic hunt and coinshoot.

They want to learn from our speakers and other members what is the best equipment to use and how to use it.

They want to learn how to prospect for gold and other precious minerals.

To find quality speakers we ask for help from our members and board to find topics of interest for all.

To hold meetings, exchange ideas and have these teaching events, we rent this facility at a considerable cost.

Your refreshments cost our organization.

To allow our members to try equipment for these ventures we have in storage items that our members can check out and test before buying. Most of this equipment we have purchased. The facility that stores these items, we rent at a considerable cost.

To acquire claims, our organization has leased thru the BLM, public lands for prospecting purposes. This comes at a considerable cost.

All these benefits for our members and the guests cost.

We do not charge a membership fee like the GPAA does. Their chapter rules say that we cannot.

Our only methods of acquiring funds to bring all this to our members is our monthly meeting raffles, selling gold bags and dowsing rods. The materials to put these together cost the Treasure Seekers and is assembled by unpaid volunteers.

You support our ventures by being here, purchasing raffle tickets, gold bags and dowsing rods.

If you don't purchase raffle tickets, gold bags or dowsing rods you really don't support those events that keep us going.

Our Southern California Chapter has some of the best claims to offer to our members. I know that we have much better claims than the GPAA in this area.

One similarity we have with the GPAA is that you have to be a current member, have your Claims Guide and a current membership card with you when prospecting on our claims.

The way you keep your membership current in GPAA is renew your paid membership yearly and get a new membership card that you must carry with you, along with the GPAA Claims Guide.

The way you keep your membership current with the Treasure Seekers is to what? Come to the meetings!

One meeting every four months. *I think it should be every three months.* And then purchase some raffle tickets or just donate something for all the fun and education you get from these meetings.

There may come a time when we do take your name off the membership list. *We'd rather not.*

Our claims are like any other claims. It is fair and proper for someone prospecting to ask one another to see their current membership card and claims guide while on any of our claims; just like you can on GPAA or any other club's claims. To allow one of our members to bring many non-members would be against the claim rules you've signed and agreed to follow.

If you have missed many meetings and your name is taken off the membership list, you are not a current member. If your membership is not current and you are prospecting on our claims, you are prospecting illegally and will be dealt with accordingly to existing law. *Again, we'd rather not.*

Q & A

What to expect at a TSSD Outing:

1. Come prepared for "you".
2. You are camping on your own.
3. That means your own food.
4. Your own water.
5. Your own lodging and transportation.
6. There are no public restrooms available – you need to come prepared, such as a port-a-potty.
7. You need to make sure that you have enough food and water for your intended stay.
8. Make sure that you have enough fuel (gas) to get to and from the location.
9. Bring your own mining equipment and spare parts and necessities.
10. If you are new to gold hunting – many members will let you share their equipment so that you get to know what you are really wanting to purchase. That is the purpose of these outings.
11. Potluck – if this is a weekend trip – TSS members like to have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. This means you bring your own eating utensils and plates and drinks. We ask that each person participating bring a dish to share for 6 to 8 people. All food is welcome. There is nothing furnished by the chapter, unless otherwise stated. So meats, vegetables, finger foods, desserts, salads and such are welcome. Please sample a little from each dish, but leave some for others who brought food as well.
12. You do not have to participate in the potluck – the choice is yours.
13. Firewood – there is normally an evening fire after the potluck, this is where the members get together to share their experiences. If you have some extra firewood, it is appreciated.
14. Most areas are wide open desert – do not feel that you need to camp right next to someone, everyone enjoys their own space.
15. Animals are welcome as long as they are leashed.
16. You will be asked to sign in for attendance and for the Hold Harmless Agreement (same as on the membership application)

What is a "Wagon Master"?

For TSSD - a "Wagon Master" is someone who will be at the outing, preferably on the first day. They control the sign in sheet for the outing and turn it in to the Secretary (Sharon). It is not necessary, nor required, to be familiar with the area, but it does help. Anyone can be a 'wagon master'.

Last Month

We had 106 in attendance with nine new members and guests

Door Prize- Violet Kirkpatrick

50/50- \$84.00 John Howe

Finds of the month –

Gold- 1st Richard Gravel

Metal- 1st John Davis

Gem- 1st Lee Crnkovic

Gold Nuggets: Mark Krier, Jerry Berman, Sharon Crnkovic, & Robert Cook

Metal Detecting at Oceanside Harbor - Attending: John Howe, Ray Wilkerson, Bob & Becky Adimari and Dave Coolen. A small group, chilly morning, few targets. I think everybody found something except for Bob, so the good news for Dave is that he can pass on the "skunk"!

We had a great turn out for the Oct,13th beach hunt. Ron Gonsalves and Sue Conner, Al Freeman, John Howe and Big "C". The sand was really clean but a few coins were found. We also had time to shoot the breeze about Detectors and the weather was cool. More next month. Charlie

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are adding a donation jar back by the coffee and cookies. Please, help offset the cost of the refreshments.

It has been decided that we will have a Thanksgiving outing at the Cargos like we used to years ago. We had to postpone the Cargo trip in October, but I think it will be much better in November. It will be the third weekend in November, November 18 - 20. Some will be there on Wednesday the 16th. We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday the 19th. Our organization will supply the ham and all we ask is that those who come, bring a side dish and their own eating utensils and plates. The meeting area is the same and some 60 people signed up. Normally half will show up. We hope to have a bonfire (bring firewood) with lots of stories to share.

Metal Detecting Schedule

Searching the Beaches

by Frank M. Trutta

Now that the summer beach season is over it is time to think about hunting the low tide areas. You'll need a good multi frequency metal detector that can handle the salt and high mineral content in the wet sand. You can use a pulse machine but you will be digging too many bad targets to justify any good targets you might recover. You will also have to be aware of the weather reports. Listen for any storms or large wave that may erode the beaches. We love erosion and destruction of the sand on the beach. Don't forget that multi frequency machines are not fast responders to targets. Be sure to slow down your swing and keep your coil as close to the sand as possible and GRID.

November we will meet at the south side of the Oceanside harbor by the Jetty. On the 8th a Tuesday at around 8am and you can keep all that you find. The hot weather may have added to the rings and coins in the sand. See you all there. Big"C"

November outing will be Sunday, Nov 6, 7am-ish at Mission Beach. Maybe there'll be more targets at that popular beach, since North County beaches seem pretty sparse. John Howe

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/\$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

See Yoko For your WINNING Ticket!!!

MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter
CORNBREAD DRESSING

Ingredients:

- 6 to 8 cups Dried Cornbread, crumbled -- (bake a large batch of your favorite home made cornbread in a cast iron skillet a few days before making dressing, let dry out)
- 2-3 tablespoons Butter or oil --
- 2-3 tablespoons Onion, chopped --
- 2-3 Large Celery stalks, chopped --
- 1 tablespoon Ground Sage or Poultry seasoning --
- 2 cups Turkey stock, broth or juices from the roasted turkey --
- Giblets from the turkey, cooked and chopped (I always buy extras)
- Salt and pepper -- to taste
- Eggs beaten -- 1-2 optional

ALWAYS SEASON TO YOUR OWN TASTES

Method

1. Make a double batch of cornbread, use your own recipe. Once the cornbread has cooled completely, crumble into pieces with your hands. Place the pieces and all the crumbs in a large bowl.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat the butter or oil in a sauté pan. Sauté the onions, celery and sage until the onions are translucent but not browned. Add to the bowl with the cornbread. Add cooked chopped giblets.
3. Stir the turkey broth into the cornbread to moisten and season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the eggs. The stuffing should now be moist but not soggy. If it seems too dry, stir in a little more stock. If it is too wet, stir in some breadcrumbs.
4. Spread the stuffing in a buttered baking dish and bake for 40-50 minutes, or until the stuffing is cooked through and browned on the top. Serve with giblet gravy.

FOR SALE

Send your Ads to TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com

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 and sign the TSS claims rules.

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

To maintain membership, you must attend one meeting every four months.
Active military will not be removed from membership list.

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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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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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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