

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! it's 2012 already. Happy new year everyone. Hope you all made it through the holidays and are alive and well. It's the middle of winter and we are still outdoors in shorts.

We have a lot of new and exciting ventures planned. We are already working on possible new claims. We also want to have more metal detecting outings. Some minor changes in our meetings are also planned. You'll see at our January meeting. We have planned for some excellent speakers too, thanks to our new Vice President. Thank you Dwight. He is also giving us great ideas on outings and grand prizes.

Another thing we want to do is have more community events this year. Let us know what is happening where you live. Give us some ideas and find some possible event areas and maybe we can find some red ticket rewards.

We had another great Christmas party thanks to Ron, Sue, Ray, Dwight, Donna, Keith and others who helped put it together for us. I know I'll miss someone.

So far, those officials wanting to keep us off our public lands have been quiet. That's only because of the holidays. We will certainly keep you posted on that subject.

I spent some time with the GPAA folks in December. They have a new point system and I still don't understand it. I call this their new script system. Now it takes more script points to purchase items with this new script system. A gold pan that would go for \$7.15 in the old point system, now goes for 3375 points in the new point system. That makes one dollar worth about 472 new points. Granted, they state that we get "multipliers" if we have a certain number of GPAA members.

Some of us went to look at the Banner Grade area; revisited the Golden Gage Claim. It has turned into a shooting gallery. Spent shells and shot up targets with broken glass everywhere. We have been talking about contacting BLM and the local rangers to see what can be done. Maybe a clean-up for the claim rights deal.

February, we have a great speaker, Dr. Keith Meldahl. He wrote the book The Hard Road West. Interesting story on how hard it was for the old pioneers to come west and the geology of the land they had to travel. We have been waiting a long while for him to come back with his new book.

The weather is still warm, and the days are already getting longer. It's still great weather to get outside and look for our gems and relics and go metal detecting. As I write this, I am getting ready to detect my local park. I have noticed winter has not kept picnickers away.

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Thank You

CLAIMS CORNER

From Earl Sterrett

Happy New Year Pilgrims

Starting out with a bang, a big thanks to Robert Cook for his efforts in renewing the club's prospecting claims for 2012.

Let's recap 2011:

- TSS Cargos 1 thru 5 (Imperial County)
- Acquired in May 2011, comprised of 800 acres that are easily assessable. By far our largest claim, with only a few corner markers left to be placed. It should be noted that three (3) new Lode Claims (Mines) were recorded northeast of our Cargo 3 and Cargo 4 claims under the names of Maximilian, The Chief, and Dutchess. The owners are from Fontana, Alta Loma, and Upland areas.
- The Imperial Valley Gold Club was able to secure a claim along the western edge of TSS Cargo 2 and 5. The claim name is IVGC Cargo #6. Please contact Ernest Nelson, who is a member of our club, for more information.

Remember when out working along the east boundary of Cargo 3, stay off the existing "Patented Claims" that overlap our claim.

Our Claims:

Friendly Fox	(Imperial County)
TSS Cargos 1 thru 5	(Imperial County)
Hall of Fame	(Riverside County)
West Channel	(Riverside County)
Golden View	(Riverside County)
Freedom	(San Bernardino / Kern)
Smoken	(San Bernardino/ Kern)
Little Bit	(San Bernardino County)
Splash	(San Bernardino County)
Warner Springs	(San Diego County – SPMA Joint Claim)
Ranchita Buck Canyon	(San Diego County – SPMA Joint Claim)

During 2012, all of the TSS claims will hopefully be inspected, cleaned-up and GPS coordinates confirmed. Look for separate e-mails, with most of the work in conjunction with planned outings.

Please bring extra trash bags and haul out a load. Remember to report your outings, any unusual activity or damage to a claim.

The committee is also working with the BLM to correct filing discrepancies with regard to the Smoken which shows up in Inyo County. Anyone with photos or older maps of the claim markers please step forward.

- And thank you To Earle for all your work and resources.

Last Month

Had 120 in attendance with 11 new members and guests

Our snack donation jar is doing very good for the club. Thanks

Door Prize - Robert Gray

50/50 - \$118.00 Sharon Crnkovic

Gold Nuggets - John Howe, Markus, Joan Peterson

Grand Prize - Large Gold Nugget - Ron Graham

Finds of the month - Gold-- Jerry Duke Metal--Dwight Reed Gem—Jim Addison

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Planned Future Speakers:

February – Dr Meldahl –new book- Rough-Hewn Land

March – Gary Eckert (metal detecting for meteorites)

April – Greg Smith (Smith Ranch and Train Rides)

May – Jerry Hobbs from PLP

Outings for 2012

January 21-22 Cargo Claims

February 18-19 Cargo Claims

March 17-18th Lucerne Dry Lake

April 21 Crystal Claim (1 day outing)

May 19-20 Freedom Claim

June 16 San Gabriel (1 day outing)

July 14th TSS Picnic

August 18 Golden Gage in Julian (1 day outing)

September 15-16 Holcomb (Big Bear Area)

October 20-21 Freedom

November 17 Warner Springs Gem Claim (1 day outing)

December TSS Christmas Party Date to be announced later in year.

Metal Detecting Schedule

December Metal Detecting:

Big "C" - The fine folks that showed up were- Al Freeman, Jean Neely, John Howe, Charlene Mayers, Al Tervisan, Mike Jordan & Bryan Kinnear. The sand was clean but the weather was great.

John Howe - Summary @ La Jolla Shores 12/11/11. Chilly early morning and light attendance (John Howe & Brian Kinnear) but we found stuff anyway. I found \$1.65 in 2 and a half hours. Brian found a few coins, but he scored a pretty 10k gold ring with diamonds (?) around a pearl (?). Jerry Kaplan also showed up but only for conversation

The big coin hunt this month will be on January 12th 8 amish and will be at the cove east of the coaster on Mission Beach. There are more coins here than at our last place, so I hope we all will find some old coins and rings. Bring your detectors and good luck. 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 - \$10.00/Bag

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 March:
Rock Tumbler with accessories**



See Yoko For your WINNING Ticket!!!

MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

Apple - Zucchini - Cranberry Salad

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil or extra virgin olive
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 3/4 teaspoon or less salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 large Red Delicious apples, diced
- 1 large Granny Smith apple, diced
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries, walnuts or pomegranate seed, (for garnishing)
- 2 medium zucchini, thinly sliced, cubed or grated
- 1 red or green bell pepper, cut into thin strips (optional)
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- Leaf Lettuce

Preparation

Combine oil and next 6 ingredients in a jar; cover tightly, and shake vigorously.

Combine apple, zucchini, peppers and celery; toss with dressing. Serve on individual lettuce-lined serving plates, garnish with the dried cranberries, walnuts or pomegranate seeds.

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.

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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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PLP - PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE - www.PLP2.org

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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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.

WWW.TREASURESEEKERSOFSANDIEGO.ORG

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

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