

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, during the last part of 2011, the Bureau of Land Management released a study document where they want public input on putting more restrictions on public lands managed by their organization. The input they were looking for was what further restrictions they should put on these public lands. We should find out this year what more we cannot do on our lands. My added concern was, I found out about this document just as the public input was ending. That annoyed me and I told them so.

Well, hold on folks. Here we go again. The National Parks Service offered us for review and comments the "Draft San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Resources Study and Environmental Assessment". This one, like the BLM plan offers "alternatives" on more restrictions to the San Gabriel Mountains and adjacent park areas. Briefly, this public property would come under more control by the National Park Service and they would designate these areas as a national recreation area and protect the significant resources associated with the San Gabriel Mountains and Puente-Chino Hills. Oh! Did I mention the closing date? This input period ends on February 13, 2012. I really want to get all the outdoor organizations together so that we have a larger voice on the control of our public lands, but when I mention this to the other activities, it seems to fall on deaf ears.

We also have our elections coming up. The President and Secretary positions are ready to be filled again. A nominating committee will be selected this month and the vote will be in April.

So, what else positive happened this past month? Visited some other organizations to see if we can improve on our meetings. We have the best speakers. We always have something new and different for speaker discussions. We are always looking for some way to entertain and inform our members. Let's just say that we have the best meetings thanks to all the help from our board and our members. Thank you all.

I did go to the Gold Show in Pomona. I looked for some of our vendor friends and they didn't show up. There were half as many chapters there also. There were a couple of new items there and we did cut a good deal for a grand prize to offer some time this year.

Speaking of February 13, many of our board members will be at the Chapter Rendezvous at Congress Arizona. If there is any way to improve our Chapter, this is where we will get our information. This will be February 13 through 17. Chapter members have volunteered their time and funds for this project.

In March, the Senior Center and I have proposed a Prospectors Daze at the Center. They are excited to have it not only for a week day for the seniors, but also for a Saturday for our members to get together and show items we prospect and metal detect with. They also want us to put up another display in their case. We need something new to show off.

We need to gear up for an outdoor event which will include a booth to show and sell our wares and to demonstrate our prospecting and metal detecting talents. This will be on April 13, 14, and 15. We are getting a great deal on a large booth and it should have more vendors than the Pomona gold show. This will be outdoor in Vista and I hope we don't have April showers.

Who says we have nothing to learn or to offer to our members. We just keep coming up with new and exciting subjects for you. You just have to come to the meetings and support the Treasure Seekers of San Diego County.

Good luck and God bless. Sourdough Chet

## Thank You

Speaker: Dr. Keith Meldahl, Professor of Geology & Oceanography at Mira Costa College  
His new book - Rough-Hewn Land: A Geologic Journey from California to the Rocky Mountains

## Last Month

Metal Detecting outing @ Coronado on 1/8.

Attendees: John Howe, Brian Kinnear, Ralph Romero, Greg Miller, Al Trevisan, Craig Donavon & Jerry Kaplan

A beautiful day (after the fog burned off) on a beautiful beach. 4 new members attended with their gold machines, so they did their part cleaning up the junk. Not a lot of treasures found. I found 55 cents, but Brian found an iPhone. I hope it works. I think the "skunk" will pass on to Jerry Kaplan. He didn't find any coins, but still did his civic duty policing the beach.

Bonita cove 1/13. The weather was great and I think all found something. The members that showed up were: Ralph Ramero, John Howe, Randy Wenn & Big"C". I found the most(for me) in the grass walking back to the truck, a 1954 nickel four inches deep on the lawn. Thanks to all who came out. Big"C"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Raffle Table - We are trying to improve the presentation and items for the raffle table. The plan is to increase the items, retain quality and still stay within our limited budget. Any suggestions - fill out a note for the suggestion box.

Clarification on claims markers: Center post is marked (coffee can with paper description inside) and corner posts are not marked. These do get damages and vandalized.

Monthly Outing - February 18-19 at the Cargo Muchacho Claim

## Metal Detecting Schedule

Feb.5th outing will be at Mission Beach. The North County beaches seem really sparse, so I'm going south to the bigger, more populated beaches. You're all welcome to join me.

Hi boys and girls, February we will be getting all those rings and coins at the Harbor in Oceanside, at the south end by the parking lot. Start about 8am on Tuesday the 7th. Bring your detector and bond with the group.

After the hunt we will check out all the tab tops that I found. 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**

## Chapter Support

*We don't charge dues, there is no cost to check out prospecting equipment, outings are free, prospecting our claims is free, the library is free, the education and companionship are priceless/free.*

*All the work to maintain the claims, equipment, storage, federal/state/local bureaucracy, taxes, maps, guides, kitchen, library, website, newsletter and so much more is ALL volunteers.*

*Your club still has rent to pay, many claims with annual fees, equipment to buy/maintain, storage fees, website fees, gold & prizes cost, printing fees and numerous other monthly costs.*

*We sell a few quality items and some raffle tickets for some really good prizes.*

***Here is how you support your club. Participate. Buy some tickets. Win!***

*And Thanks for being part of a fine organization.*

## Items available for purchase at the meeting

**Claim Guides** - \$20.00 per guide with your TSS 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

## MINI REUBENS

### Ingredients

- 1 (1 pound) loaf cocktail rye bread
- 1 cup Deli Mustard or your favor mustard or dressing
- 1 1/2 pounds deli sliced corned beef or pastrami
- 1 (16 ounce) jar German or Bavarian sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- 1 pound sliced Swiss cheese

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven's broiler.
2. Arrange cocktail rye slices on a baking sheet, toast slightly.
3. Top each one with about 2 teaspoons of mustard, then layer the corned beef or pastrami to fit the bread. Place a small amount of sauerkraut over the meat, then top with 1/4 slice of the Swiss cheese, or a slice about as big as the bread.
4. Broil for 3 to 5 minutes, until cheese is melted. Serve warm.

## FOR SALE

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

## MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Membership is free. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate.

**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 TSS's Claim Guides.

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

Active military will not be removed from membership list.

## Claims Etiquette

You have to be a current member, have your Claims Guide and a current membership card with you when prospecting on our 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.

**All guests** must sign TSS's liability form before prospecting on our claims.

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.

FILL IN YOUR HOLES WHEN YOU ARE DONE PROSPECTING

## LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for it's members usage. Donna Brock, the Librarian and Don LaFollette, 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.

## 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 (it's not much) is that, anything checked out, is to be returned in the same or better condition than when it was borrowed. It's understandable, with the nature of our interest, 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.*

Give Earl Sterrett at 858-922-4547 a call, if you would like to use "our equipment." He asks that you give him a couple of days notice when you might need something, and when items are returned they are CLEAN. All equipment must be returned by the meeting following when it was checked out. This will allow you any where from one week to three weeks usage.

## **Books by Blakey**

Blakey Stanford, a TSS 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. Whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article. He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or 3/\$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors also sells them for \$20 each. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSS Chapter meetings.

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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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