

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

May, 2012

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We lost another one of our founding members this month. We had a couple who helped us learn how to file our documents for new claims. This couple would go with us to explore the areas to see if we should file and if there was still gold in those hills. I remember when Gary Hopkins drove his older Cadillac out on the Friendly Fox dirt and sandy roads.

Nancy was the brains in the family. She knew how to file the claims papers. When she first used to file for claims, the necessary information was on Micro Fiche film. When the BLM LR 2000 came out on the internet, she quickly learned it and taught Harriett how to use it and also how to file all papers needed for claim acquisition.

We became good friends with the couple and hung together like brothers and sisters. We began to travel together, camp together and just hang out together. We all got together and took a long vacation up to central and northern California. Nancy and Harriett would do all those girl things while Gary and I would go out and do a lot of prospecting together. We hiked and planted center posts and corner posts on various claims. Gary loved the Italian Bar and Duisenberg areas for prospecting and he did a lot of prospecting in his lifetime.

They moved up to Stockton, CA, Nancy had some medical problems, but that didn't deter them from continuing their love for the outdoors. They still traveled and prospected together. Well, earlier this month, odds caught up with Gary. According to a Bakersfield newspaper article, Gary was digging in a four foot hole, in the Duisenberg, area, Puppy Feet claim and the surrounding dirt fell on him. It took a local fire department to get him out. He was sent alive to a local hospital. I read the article but at that time I didn't know if this was the Gary I knew. We didn't have any new phone numbers for them.

Tuesday morning, April 25, Nancy called. They had to let Gary go. While at the hospital, the doctors had to take one leg and then the other. He had internal and facial injuries. I did talk to Nancy and their son for a long time. They are grateful that he passed doing the one thing he loved doing. Nancy will go and live with their son. They are planning a memorial at Italian Bar and maybe spreading some ashes there.

So, why should I write about something that is sad? This is a fun organization that loves to do fun things. The reason is because this can happen to any of us who enjoys this type of event. Gary had years of experience. It can happen to my friends and those others I consider my brothers and sisters. Be very careful out there. Think ahead. Watch those holes and trails. If it doesn't fall on you, or you fall off of it or into it, it may bite you.

God bless Gary, Nancy and family. Happy trails. Watch your step my friends and may all your finds and treasures be great.

Sourdough Chet

## VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE By: Dwight Reed

If you are a beginner at metal detecting you may start off by checking out your own front or back yard. Where ever people have been items have been lost.

Then work out into the neighborhood you may be very surprised by what you may find. Just remember wherever people have congregated, there's a treasure to be found.

By joining a treasure hunting club there's a wealth of information about where to hunt and how to hunt and gain valuable advice on metal detecting that may take you months on your own.

Use your local library for a glimpse into the past. Your library is a great source for finding areas to hunt. Keep in mind that our community was much different at the turn of the century; old news articles could have information about when and where people have gathered.

Don't forget moist ground means extra detection depth; not only will a good rain make digging much easier, but it increases the conductivity of the targets in the ground. The result is a little extra depth that puts those treasures within your field of detection.

So after a good rain hit those hot spots that have produced before and dig up those older coins.

I hear it all the time. There can't be anything left to find! The truth is they never get it all. Good stuff is left behind every single day. Even in areas that are hunted all the time. Parks and beaches are replenished every single day. Good Luck and Happy Hunting!

## Thank You

May Speaker: Jerry Hobbs from PLP



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## Last Month

General Meeting: 140 people attended

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lucerne Dry Lake Bed Outing

Attendance: Karol Rauch, Julie Schalow, Lisa Hamilton, Erin McGee, Robbie Rolex and Charlene Myers.

Only other people out there were rocket launching folks. Temperature by high noon - 98/99 degrees. Besides hunting here, we took 2 side trips to One Ton Mine and Silver Reef Mine.

Our name badges: The price has gone up. They will now be \$10.00; we are not making a profit.

Summit Meeting – At Las Vegas with Gold Show: We are looking for some answers from GPAA. Ray will report at the May meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Raffle Incentive:** We will be giving out a **Special Ticket** with every \$20 purchase of raffle tickets, in any combination. The Special Ticket will be for a **'Super Prize'** drawing at the end of the year.

June Meeting – Jim Mears presentation of how to build a dry vac

Del Mar Fair: June 9th, 14th and 19th

### ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS REPORT By: Jim "Jimbo" Mears

The 1st quarter of 2012 is now over and access to public land in California has changed very little. Congress has not passed any legislation creating any new or extending the boundaries of wilderness area in land managed by the US Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management in the state. There are several pieces of legislation going through the process that when enacted will create designations for all the remaining open public land in Southern California. Some of the legislation on watch list includes the following:

San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area – If enacted will create a National Recreation Area managed by the US Park Service and include the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel River Watershed.

S 138 – California Desert Protection Act 2011 – Currently in committee with no co-sponsors. If there is no legislative action by the end of this year the bill will again die in committee. This single piece of legislation will have the largest impact on Southern California Public Land Access. It covers most all of the open public land in the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego.

HR 41 – Beauty Mountain and Aqua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011 – Currently in committee with no co-sponsors. If there is no legislative action by the end of this year the bill will again die in committee. If enacted, it will add an additional 21,431 acres to existing wilderness areas in San Diego County. This could have an adverse effect on access to some collecting areas.

HR 113 – Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act – Currently in committee with only 1 co-sponsors. If there is no legislative action by the end of this year the bill will again die in committee. If enacted, it will add an additional 72,872 acres to the existing wilderness areas within these two forest areas. This could have an adverse effect on access to some collecting areas.

This year California passed some positive legislation regarding the AB 628 Inyo Trails Bill. This creates a pilot project in Inyo County to connect existing trails designated for **off-road vehicle use**.

A ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Arizona's Coronado National Forest, may have an effect on the Adventure Pass that is now required for recreational users of the Angeles, San Bernardino, Cleveland and Los Padres national forests. The decision says any member of the public who walks, hikes, rides a horse, picnics on the side of a road, camps at undeveloped sites, even parks in a national forest "without using facilities and services" is allowed to do so without being charged. Charging a fee, such as the Adventure Pass, even for someone who visits an area with amenities but doesn't use them, violates the FLREA (Federal Lands and Recreation Enhancement Act), according to the decision.

For the latest information on these issues and others affecting access to public lands and having an effect on collectors may be found on the American Lands Access Association's (ALAA) website: [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

## Metal Detecting

Mission Beach April 8<sup>th</sup>: Attendees: John Howe, Brian Kinnear, Bob & Becky Adimari, Rick Hall, Ralph Romero, Jerry Kaplan, Tammy & Steve Gessler. Good turnout since I was sure it'd be just me and the Easter Bunny. It looks like the average haul was about \$2-\$3. Brian found the "golden egg," a man's 14k ring! Becky found a silver chain with USMC dog tags. Ralph & Jerry did their best to clean up the beach. Great fun, gorgeous weather, terrific people. The beach is getting populated.

John Howe will be in Florida for May's detecting outing. Anyone desiring can join him May 6th at Siesta Key beach, Sarasota.

We will hit the beach, South of the Oceanside pier on May 11th (Friday) at about 8ish am. Bring your Detector and help find all of the good stuff. See you all there. Big "C"

#### METAL DETECTING - A FEW SITES TO GET YOU STARTED By: Dwight Reed

Here are some places you may have overlooked to find treasures: 1. Your own back or front yard. 2. Driveways and parking areas. 3. Around and along all walkways and paths. 4. Around old outbuildings. 5. Under large trees. 6. Under clotheslines or their possible locations. 7. Fishing piers, boat ramps. 8. Fishing camps and health resorts. 9. Abandoned resort areas. 10. Horse and hiking trails. 11. Swimming pool areas or swimming holes. 12. Children's camps, Boy or Girl Scout camps. 13. Around ski tow loading and unloading areas. 14. Shooting and target ranges. 15. Pioneer camp grounds. 16. Abandoned trailer parks. 17. Beneath stadium seats. 18. Entertainment platforms or bandstands. 19. Amusement parks, fair grounds, carnivals. 20. Rodeo grounds. 21. Old horse-racing tracks and spectator areas. 22. Drive-in theater locations. 23. Historical markers along highways. 24. Tourist stops of any kind. 25. Around old churches. 26. Revival meeting sites. 27. Schools and colleges, around play ground equipment. 28. Bus stops. 29. Outdoor taverns. 30. Around flea markets. 31. Lovers lane 'spots'. 32. Old stage coach stops.

## 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

*One in every 10 bags will have a 'little' something extra!*

## Drawings at this meeting

Door Prize

50/50

Gold Nuggets

Table

**Special Ticket** for 'Super Prize' drawing at the end of the year with every \$20 tickets purchased.

## Quarterly Grand Prize drawing for June: Garrett Ace 350 Metal Detector



[http://www.garrett.com/hobbysite/hbby\\_ace\\_350\\_main.aspx](http://www.garrett.com/hobbysite/hbby_ace_350_main.aspx)

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

### **MINER'S COOKBOOK**

By Judy Carpenter

#### **Garlic Roasted Potato Wedges**

Ingredients:

- 4 medium russet potatoes, wash and rinsed, DO NOT PEEL
- 3 tablespoons good olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed fine
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Cut each potato in half lengthwise. Cut each half, lengthwise, into 4 equally sized wedges. Add the potato wedges to a large mixing bowl with the rest of the ingredients. Toss to coat all the potatoes evenly.

Line a sheet pan with foil. Place the potato wedges, skin side down, on the foil. Be sure to space evenly, so they cook uniformly. Bake for 35 minutes, or until well browned, crusty edged, and tender. Serve immediately, sprinkled with more salt if desired.

### **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.

### PLP - PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE - [www.PLP2.org](http://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:**

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**Agency:**

**District represented:**

**Date & Time:**

**Location Details:**

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# MISSION STATEMENT

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County (TSS) 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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Meetings are held at the Park Avenue Community Center  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025  
On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30-9:00PM

See the treasurer and/or the secretary to review their respective reports from the previous month's meeting.

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