

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I spent today at the GPAA office, with other volunteers, putting together DVD packets sent to GPAA members. Here is some information I found out. When we volunteer, we make 13,000 points per volunteer the whole day we work. We had three volunteers there. So today, we made 39,000 points. A new item on the market is called a Gold Cube (<http://www.goldcube.net/>). The three stacker costs \$390.00. GPAA offers one for 147,875 points. If we had three volunteers each time they ask, we could earn enough points for the Treasure Seekers to own a Gold Cube in four volunteer trips. It would take only three trips with four volunteers. We haven't been making our "points" like we should, but we do have a little over for a Gold Cube.

This past month, we had our annual picnic at Dixon Lake. That's always a lot of fun. Ron, Sue and Ray cook the best burgers and dogs. Jerry always does a great job of the metal detecting hunt and I, of course, put on the best gold panning contest. We also had a prospecting equipment demonstration. Big C demoed the motorized vac he built and I demoed some coin cleaning vibrating units, a mini gold cube my friend Al Freeman built and also showed how to use a spiral wheel after Linda Durbin showed me how to correctly connect the battery. Dwight Reed, Brian Kinnear and Kalina Catlagirone won in the metal detecting Contest. Sharon Crnkovic, Dave Coolen and Alex Iqrell won in the gold panning contest.

We have decided not to have an outing in August because of the heat and that a large number of our members have scheduled other types of vacations with their family. We are scheduled to go to Holcomb Valley in September. I was just talking to some Route 66 members and they are still finding nuggets and pickers on the GPAA Gold Mountain claim. You can either dry camp with no fires, on the Holcomb Gold claim or you can camp at the Holcomb Valley campground, pit toilets and fire pits. Maybe, the pit fires will not be allowed because of fire danger. You can bring a motor home in there. But anyway, camp in those spots and commute to Gold Mountain just a few minutes away.

We are gearing up to put on the best event ever at the Bates Nut Farm on September 29 - 30. This is when they have their pumpkin patch or October Festival. They call it their Farm Education Days. Lots of people, lots of fun. They are saying that "the Treasure Seekers are a welcome addition to this educational event." We are going to promote the GPAA at this event and GPAA is going to ante up some items for gifts, prizes or for us to sell so that we can make funds to support our organization. We will have dowsing rod demonstrations, free gold panning for the kids and metal detecting events. Don't forget the days and don't forget to have fun volunteering.

I know there is more going on but you'll just have to jog my memory at the meeting. See you there.
Sourdough Chet

Thank You

All the people that helped at the San Diego County Fair. We made a lot of kids smile & made my day.

Everyone that worked hard to make the annual picnic a success.

We had equipment demonstrations put on by Big C and Chet. Thank Ron, Sue and Ray for the excellent burgers and dogs. Also, thank you all for coming and bringing the great side dishes.

Last Month

We skipped July's meeting and newsletter; conflict with the 4th Holiday.

This newsletter will have bits and pieces from the past two months.

June: 136 people signed the attendance sheet. We have 10 new applications for membership.

There were a lot of complaints about the sound system being really awful. Our apologies. We are fixing it.

Finds of Month: Gold - Dan McGuigan/Gene Lepper Metal - Colleen /John Davis Gems - Charles Bailey/Dan McGuigan
Door Prize - Judy Carpenter 50/50 - Ray Wilkerson - \$106 Gold Nuggets - Bill Limbeck, Rick Nead, Sue Conner & Mike Mahr
Grand Prize - Garrett Metal Detector-- Marty Neal

The TSS picnic at Dixon Lake on Sat. July 14th. We had 42 sign in for our July picnic.

The day was great and everyone had lots of fun.

Jerry Goldstein said that the metal detecting contest was a great success. We had 10 contestants with the following winners. Dwight won first place with 92 coins, Brian got second with 57 coins and 2 tokens. Kay got third with 51 coins and three tokens. The tokens got the winners additional prizes.

Chet reported that the women whopped the men and boys in the gold panning contest. Sharon Crnkovic took first for the ladies with a 5.97 time. Men, it was Dave Coolen with a 6.53 and young men was Alex Ignell with a 5.60. Congratulations all!

EVENTS & INFO

August outing on Banner Grade has been cancelled.

August Speaker: Will be a Q & A session with all our experts. Bring your tough questions.

Roger Hedgecock interviewed Jerry Hobbs last week on the War Against Gold Miners!

<http://live.radioamerica.org/loudwater/player.pl?upload=21045&name=rhs>.

Worth a listen! Environmentalist want to use suction dredging to 'Clean up' mercury from our streams and they plan on keeping any gold that accidentally drops into their sluice.

They want government grants to pay them to do it.

How do I get in on this Boondoggle?

Roger Hedgecock: First They Came for the Timber Industry

<http://www.rogerhedgecock.com/story/19129854/first-they-came-for-the-timber-industry>

Coccidioidomycosis Fungus

aka Valley Fever aka San Joaquin Valley Fever aka Desert Rheumatism aka Desert Fever



<http://www.breathecalifornia.org/healthinfo/cocci.html>

<http://boulder.co.networkofcare.org/aging/library/article.aspx?hwid=za1349>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coccidioidomycosis>

<http://utsa.edu/sombrilla/fall2009/story/fighting-valley-fever.html>

Access to Public Lands Report

By: Jim "Jim Bo" Mears

California State Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa –

As you all know the State is in the process of closing some of our State Parks & Museums. The California State Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa is one of the museums still on the list.

The Museum Association is currently working to keep the Museum open and can use our help.

Ron Iudice, President of the California State Mining and Mineral Museum Association, suggests that we can help by contacting our assembly person and insist that they put pressure on State Parks.

Also contact the State Parks Department and let them know you want this Museum removed from the closure.

The two key pieces of legislation are moving through the legislature that could help State Parks are:

Assembly Bill 1589, introduced by Jared Huffman, D-Marin, is an omnibus bill for state parks funding and sustainability.

Senate Bill 580, by Sen. Lois Wolk, D-Davis is a parks-protection bill requiring that state park lands not be used for non-park purposes unless replacement lands of equivalent value are provided.

For the latest information on these and other issues affecting access to public lands and having an effect on us may be found on the American Lands Access Associations' (ALAA) website, www.amlands.org

Metal Detecting

Coin Hunting in High Junk Areas

Smaller search coils will make you more efficient in your coin hunting efforts. You will dig a higher ratio of coins to trash, but detection depth will not be as great as with the 10' or 12' sizes. Adjust the discrimination control to reject the typical trash found in the area. As you retrieve coins and trash, notice their depth. If mostly junk is found in the first few inches, you may want to dig the deeper targets.

Be especially alert to your detector's signals. If you hear a single good "bleep" amongst a trash "blip" sound, investigate the spot carefully. It may be a coin hiding along side or under the trash, carefully and slowly scan the area, moving toward the spot from several directions.

The small sniper search coils and the elliptical coils do an excellent job of isolating coins out of trash.

Good Luck and Happy Hunting, - Dwight, VP

June 6 at Mission Beach, then over to Bonita Cove. Brian Kinnear found \$2.55, Larry with a 250 Pro found about 75 cents, Bill with a mine lab was there, Jean Neely with a Whites MXT found 45 cents and Big"C" found 77 cents with his 350 Pro. Mission Beach had been cleaned by the Zamboni; which didn't help. See you all next month. Big"C"

La Jolla Shores on July 8th.... John Howe found \$2.96, a Mexican 10 peso coin and a 10 cent Euro. Brian Kinnear found \$4.50

We had a great turn out on Monday the 9th at the south side of the Oceanside pier. John Howe, Jean Neely, Al Freeman and Big"C". All Found a few coins because the beach had not been cleaned that day. See you all next month.

August 5th 8 a.m.-ish, Metal Detecting @ Oceanside Pier (south side). John Howe will be out of town.

August 14th, 8 a.m. Tuesday, we will hit the north end of the Oceanside Harbor. Big"C"

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

Treasure Seekers Pins & Decals

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$10.00/Bag

One in every 10 bags will have a 'little' something extra! One in 50 has a picker.

Drawings at this meeting

Door Prize

50/50

Gold Nuggets

Raffle Table

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

Quarterly Grand Prize drawing for September:



**A Gas Powered Dry Vac for Prospecting the cracks, bedrock and hard to reach places!
Comes with Manual, Oil, Blower Nozzle, 6' Vacuum Hose and Crevice Nozzle**

See Yoko For your WINNING Ticket!!!

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

MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

Lemony - Lemon Bars

Ingredients:

Crust-

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened

1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 cup white granulated sugar

Filling-

3 eggs, slightly beaten

1 1/3 cup white sugar

3-4 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice (bottle is ok too)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

2. To make crust: Mix together the butter, 1 1/3 cups flour and 1/4 cup sugar with a fork until crumbly. Press into an 8 or 9 inch square pan and bake for 15-20 minutes. Crust will look white. Do not over brown!

1. To make the filling: Combine the eggs, sugar, flour, baking powder and lemon juice with a fork (or use a blender/food processor.) Blend until well mixed. Pour over pre-baked crust.

2. Return to oven and bake an additional 20 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Let bars cool before cutting.

Lemony - Lemonade

1 cup fresh / frozen Lemon Juice

1 cup simple syrup (1 cup sugar to 1 cup water, bring to a boil to dissolved sugar, cool)

Dash of salt

4-5 cup water

Recipe can be doubled, tripled, quadrupled,

Garnish with mint leaf, strawberries or fresh lemon slices if desired

FOR SALE

Send your Ads to 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 has a tremendous library for 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. Checking out the material is easy.

EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE

Treasure Seekers 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, 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.

Orange Challenge Card Info

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

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.

Name:

Badge# and Position:

Agency:

District represented:

Date & Time:

Location Details:

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<http://plp1.org/home.html>

This 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization is the one and only group out there fighting for our rights as prospectors and miners.

Their web site is a wealth of information.

The latest raffle drawing just ended. There is a list of winners of the really great prizes on their site.

Support them! Join, donate and buy tickets when the new raffle starts.

A personal note of thanks to the dedication of Jerry Hobbs, President of PLP.

As your Editor, I was doing my due diligence and checking on the response/feedback to the Orange Challenge Card. I called the phone number on a Sunday; expecting an answering machine.

Jerry Hobbs answered on the second ring. This is his personal phone number printed on all those thousands of cards.

He and PLP are certainly our friends.

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.

WWW.TREASURESEEKERSOFSANDIEGO.ORG
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TreasureSeekersofSD/>

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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