

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
**FINDERS KEEPERS**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

No new word on the court battle about dredging. We went to see Jerry Hobbs in San Bernardino the last week of August. He said we should hear something soon. He feels pretty positive that all the hearings will be in San Bernardino court.

Robert and Earl have pretty much finished filing the claim documents with the county recorders. Recording fees have increased this year. Just another increased tax fee. Next filing is with the BLM. It's been too hot to visit any of our claims this past month. We are planning on going to one of the GPAA claims in September. This will be the Gold Mountain claim. The plan is to camp on the Gold Mountain claim, or the Holcomb Gold claim. You can also stay at the Holcomb Valley Campground. This campground has vault toilets, fire rings (if they will let you use them) and room for RV's. Only 19 spaces on a first come basis. You'll have to visit the Visitors Center in Big Bear to get your day use pass and the ranger's office for a permit to use your propane stove. You may also be able to fill water jugs at the ranger station. The thought is to camp in those spots and commute to Gold Mountain just a few minutes away.

With all this heat, I've been on the beach metal detecting. Haven't made enough finds to pay for the gas, but the ocean and cool weather has been worth it.

Bates Nut Farm is the next weekend after our scheduled outing. The folks there are anxiously waiting for us to participate in their event. They call this their Farm Education Days. Lots of Scouts, lots of kids. We will need a whole lot of volunteers for this event. We will have regular gold panning, free gold panning for the kids, dowsing rod demonstrations, and metal detecting events. This will be on September 29 - 30. We need volunteers to help set up on Friday the 28th. We will also promote GPAA and the TSS at this event.

There is always something new and exciting going on, but you have to come to the meetings to find out. If you don't see it happening here and you want it, you'll just have to let us know or jump in and volunteer to help.

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# Thank You

Everyone who showed up for the court hearing in San Bernardino. You make a difference.

## Last Month

102 people signed in. Six New Members/Guests.

August Scheduled Outing - cancelled - Too HOT!

Finds of the Month: Gold - 1st place: John Ferguson, 2nd place: Bill Limbeck  
Metal Detecting - 1st place: Phillip Biaggeli (the rifle), 2nd place: Dwight Reed  
Gems & Minerals - 1st place: K. Caltagirone, 2nd place: Frank Hubert

Door Prize: Jim Mears 50/50 split: \$75.00 - Bill Limbeck  
Gold Nugget Drawings: Dan McQuanan, Michael Michalski and Loren Raddatz

## EVENTS & INFO

Hyperlinks are used throughout the Newsletter. Click on the **BLUE** to take you to more information.

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

### Claims Work Assessment Form

For some bureaucratic reason (saves us money), we need to do and track work on our claims that improves the locale. When you visit our claims, write down: Your Name, Address, phone, claim name, date, work done and time spent. Get this information to our Claims Manager - Robert Cook [rmjcc@cox.net](mailto:rmjcc@cox.net) -He will fill in the correct paperwork and track it.

Up Coming Outings and Events: Holcomb Valley Outing - Sept. 15th and 16th

Bates Nut Farm Event - September 29th and 30th: Volunteers needed to share the fun. Signup at the sign in table.

### California Rattlesnakes

My son was hiking with a buddy in the East County back country a couple weeks ago. They encountered a 'Rattler' stretched out in the middle of the trail and it was just too comfortable in the sun to bother moving. My son and his buddy did the smart thing. They took a wide detour.

It's been a hot year, the Rattlesnakes are active and there are a lot of them out there. Take precautions.



Mojave Rattlesnake aka Mojave Green - Neurotoxic venom is extremely virulent (10 times more toxic than any other rattlesnake in the U. S.) affecting heart, skeletal muscles and neuromuscular junctions. One bite is sufficient to kill a human. Death occurs in a high frequency of untreated cases.

<http://sbsc.wr.usgs.gov/products/htmls/snake.aspx>

<http://www.californiaherps.com/identification/snakesid/rattlesnakes.html>

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/issues/snake.html>

[http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/escondido/article\\_a81871cd-1bdf-5c06-b46a-16333883a285.html](http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/escondido/article_a81871cd-1bdf-5c06-b46a-16333883a285.html)

<http://eastcountymagazine.org/node/9911>

# Metal Detecting

Dwight Reed, VP

It is important that you select the right detector for where you will search; VLF detectors generally operate well in dry sand areas and may offer a graphic target display system to help you distinguish between potential targets. The VLF detectors do not offer a salt elimination mode but have some discrimination when you turn them on. Pulse Induction machines are ideal for use in the surf and on wet sand areas where the high salt mineralization can challenge some VLF detectors. If you swing your detector parallel to the sea as you approach the water some detectors "VLF models" will lose their ground balance. With "Pulse Induction" technology, which transmits a pulsing signal that is impervious to the effects of mineralization.

Utilize a methodical pace while searching with your detector in a pre planned pattern. Make sure that you keep the coil level to the ground at the end of your swings.

Overlap each sweep by advancing your search coil about one half of its diameter and always scan in a straight line.

1. Use headphones while hunting at the beach.
  2. Use the proper recovery tools.
  3. Do not ignore any detector signals.
  4. One of the most productive areas is the "towel line" or the strip of beach just above the high tide line.
  5. Search in deeper water areas when there is a low tide.
  6. During peak season's hit the beach at the first light or late in the day.
  7. Finally, fill in the holes that you dig on the beach.
- Good Luck and Happy Hunting!

We had a great turn out for the 14th at the harbor. there were John Howe, Jean Neely, Steve and Maryellen Rebik and Big"C". All found about a buck to about two bucks. Thanks all who showed up.

For the September outing we will meet at the south side of the Oceanside pier on the 20th, a Thursday at about 8amish. Please bring your Detector and find all those Big rings. See you there. Big"C"

September Outing will be at Coronado. 8:00 AM-ish, but I'll be there @ 7:00. We'll start at the main lifeguard building and roam about from there. It's the weekend after the last big summer holiday so maybe somebody will get lucky! -John Howe

## Metal Detecting for Newbies

Requests have been made to set aside special time to teach Metal Detecting to Newbies. The experts say they already have. Join Charlie, John, Frank, Dwight and our other experts with many, many, many years of experience at the beach or in the parks every month at our local outings. Everyone of these experts will share his knowledge, getting you started with your new expensive toy tool, finding riches beyond your wildest and teach you the 'Secret Handshake' that all Detectorists share.

## 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!**

**1<sup>st</sup>** and **2<sup>nd</sup>** Prize winners for each category.

**Gold - Gems and Minerals - Metal Detecting**

# MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

## Colorful Pasta Veggie Fruit Salad

1 1/2 cups uncooked tri color- spiral (rotini) pasta  
1 1/2 cups chicken, cooked and cubed  
1 1/2 cups celery, chopped  
1 cup green or purple grapes, halved  
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained  
1 can (6 oz.) water chestnuts, drained (optional)  
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped  
1/4 cup red onion, chopped

### Dressing:

1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup ranch dressing  
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the pasta. While it is cooking, chop rest of ingredients and mix. Mix dressing together. Add pasta and mix everything. Chill. Garnish with toasted slivered almonds if desired.

## FOR SALE



Fisher Gold Bug Metal Detector - Sell price \$80.00

Chest Waders, Stout, 48 chest, 29 inseam, 10 boot - List \$215, sell \$65.00

Rotapan - List price \$215.00, sell \$95.00

Contact: Chester at the meeting or at 760-747-1165

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 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 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:**

PLP - PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE - [www.PLP2.org](http://www.PLP2.org) - Jerry Hobbs (909) 889-3039

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

Meetings are held at the Park Avenue Community Center  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025  
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See the treasurer and/or the secretary to review their respective reports from the previous month's meeting.

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