

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here it is, the last month of the year. We're getting ready for 2013. We have already got our event schedule done with some new outings for next year. We planned on two joint outings with the Southwestern Prospectors and Miners Association. We'll see how joint outings go.

We continue to support other organizations in their fights, which are our fights, to keep our public lands open for us, the public citizens, to enjoy. We have finally got some recognition for our help and support for another organization who is bumping heads with an environmental group wanting to annex the Dale Mining District into the Joshua Tree National Park. On Facebook, the GPAA has a site called *Articles and Information*. Subject was "Miners fight park service annexation." Within that article the Treasure Seekers are mentioned in supporting the First Class Miners in their fight against the possible annexation. If you remember, we gave the talks and teamed up with the Temecula Chapter and the SPMA group. Combined, we had over 300 signatures on the petitions.

Hey! We had a great outing at Warner Springs campground. I even got there early. Jerry and Robert made me get up early and get there around 8:30 – that's A.M. too. The weather was a bit cool and sprinkly. The Thompson couple took some of us on a hike and we saw some great rock formations. Some tourmaline was also found. While detecting in the campground, some wheat pennies and other old coins were found. I also found part of a silver necklace with a turquoise stone in the center. It's worth doing another outing there.

No outing for December but the Christmas party is always the best event at the end of the year. TSS will furnish the ham and turkey; you just bring a side dish and a present for the gift exchange. Gift being around \$15.00 to \$20.00. You know we always have fun at the party. After that, we'll wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, then start this fun all over again in 2013.

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Thank You

Trish and Terry King Have done a great job with **Finds of the Month**.

They need to move on to other ventures and we need a volunteer to take over. It's interesting and low stress. Contact any of the Board Members if you have a little time to help out during our Meeting.

People in the back of the hall are expressing concerns; there is too much noise during our meeting.

Please, show consideration and respect to the group; **STOP the noise pollution**.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Last Month

114 members signed in to the General Meeting

We had a great outing at the Warner Springs gem claim. We all managed to get in some metal detecting; tourmaline and other gems hunting. Fifteen signed up. The weather was a bit cold but not uncomfortable. Had our lunch, told stories about area and just had a great time.

EVENTS & INFO

Quarterly Grand Prize drawing for December



A Beautiful - Quarter Ounce - Solid Gold Nugget

Chester will do a 'Spiral Wheel' demo as the presentation for December.

Sunday, December 9th - Annual Christmas Party and Dinner - Madrid Manor Club House - doors open at 2 P.M. & Dinner at 4 P.M. Members, please, bring a potluck dish to serve 6-8 people and for the gift exchange bring a \$15 to \$20 wrapped gift.

Ray Wilkerson is interim Vice-President. We have elections in the spring. Suggestions for candidates, contact any Board member.

Interesting Article on Gold in The Paper - North County San Diego

http://issuu.com/awodigitaledition/docs/the_paper_11.01.12?mode=window&viewMode=doublePage

Metal Detecting

November Detecting - We had a great turn out at our Mission Beach hunt. I found about ten cents and John Howe found about a dollar and two beat up Quarters. Found more in the grass than the sand at Bonito Cove. We had a great turn out and the weather was great. Big"C"

High boys and girls. We will be hitting a little of the sand and a lot more of the grass area at Bonita Cove (which is east of the Mission Beach Coaster) I think I for one find more in the grass these days so we will give it a try on December 7th a Friday about 8 am. Be there with your digging tools, a pin pointer and Detector. See you ALL there! Big"C"

Nov 11 outing @ Mission Beach: Attendees - Brian Kinnear \$3.13, silver ring & earring, John Howe 71¢ & a spoon, Jerry Steffler new member watching & learning, Bob Cook and Jerry Kaplan.

Not the best results, but it still was a great day to hunt.

Plan for the Dec 9th outing: Someplace different, we'll go to Del Mar beach. I picked this because the club hasn't been there as a group not because there's a lot of stuff to find, but what might be there could be good. I've found a 1 oz silver custom bracelet, a Rolex (fake, rats!) and a Jeffrey Scott titanium bracelet (\$200-\$300 retail). So, there might be some good stuff, but no promises.

Parking is on the street, a short block to the beach. Shouldn't be a problem on an early Sunday morning. More info in my email reminder.

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, February 2013, with every \$20 tickets purchased.

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See Jerry Goldstein 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

Kick up your favorite Macaroni and Cheese recipe by adding Grilled Shrimp and by using 3 or 4 different kinds of cheese like Sharp Cheddar, Gruyere, Fontina or Asiago. Also add just a scant (1/8 tsp) of nutmeg to the cheese sauce.

Grilled Shrimp Seasoning Rub

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon Brown sugar (light or dark)
- 3/4 teaspoon Hungarian paprika or smoked flavor
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Onion powder (not onion salt)
- 1/2 teaspoon Cumin or Cayenne
- 1/4 teaspoon Garlic powder (not garlic salt)
- 1/4 teaspoon dried Thyme
- about 40 small to medium size raw, peeled and deveined shrimp (can use frozen that have been thawed)
- 1- 2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil (infuse with fresh garlic for more flavor)

Mix spice rub using the first 7 dry ingredients. Set aside. Rinse shrimp thoroughly. Pat shrimp dry with paper towels. Place shrimp in a glass bowl and drizzle with olive oil, coating both sides of shrimp. Sprinkle spice mixture over shrimp, coating well. Gently rub spices into shrimp. Grill indoors or out for approximately 4 to 8 minutes, depending on grill heat, turning once. Remove shrimp from grill as soon as shrimp turns opaque. Do not over cook. Dice or leave whole add to your favorite Mac n' Cheese recipe, top with more grated cheese, Panko or bread crumbs and bake in oven at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. or until golden brown.

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.

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 He will fill in the correct paperwork and track it.

FILL IN YOUR HOLES WHEN YOU ARE DONE PROSPECTING.

LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers has a tremendous library for members usage. Donna Brock, our Librarian and Keith Browning 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 you 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 - Jerry Hobbs (909) 889-3039

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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.

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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