

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

January, 2013

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last month of 2012, we had fabulous meeting and Christmas party. At our meeting, we had 157 members and guests show up. Almost not enough chairs. It pretty much filled up the auditorium. A combination of grand prize enthusiasm and camaraderie. Our Christmas party was much larger too. Still camaraderie spilling over there too. You got to thank everyone who makes these events so great.

Here it is, a brand new year and we have been making our plans for bigger and better events for the Treasure Seekers. This is our tenth anniversary as TSS, but many of us have been together many years prior. You would think that we should hit a peak, but we just keep growing bigger and better. Each year seems to top the last.

Last year, we picked up five new claims of 160 acres each. Eight hundred acres to search for minerals, treasures, relics. We have many within our organization that will take the time to teach those who will want to learn how to. Our other claims are just as good to hunt on. We also had excellent speakers to teach us searching techniques. We pulled from the knowledge of many of our own members. We know that they were great because other organizations asked them to speak at their meetings.

This year, we will be joining other organizations of similar activities on their claims and we will be hosting them at our claims. This year, we are working on finding new events to show off our organizations talents and keep the spirit of searching for and identification of gems and minerals, metal detecting and gold prospecting, while preserving the environment and wild habitat.

For those who belong to the GPAA, the Pick and Shovel newspaper carried the story about the "Land Annexation" of the Dale Mining District up in the 29 Palms area. You remember that we did a lot to write letters and petitions to fight this annexation. We worked to team up with the Temecula Chapter and the Southwestern Prospectors and Miners Association. Well, we got press recognition in the Pick and Shovel for our efforts. Way to go TSS!

We are looking at soliciting other events and educational facilities to teach them of our interests. With so many new members joining us, we can expand and teach some of these lost or dying arts.

Well, stand by TSS members, 2012 was great, but 2013 is looking to be even better. See you at the meetings and events.

Sourdough Chet

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to All!!!

Thank You



Sharon is giving up the Secretary position after years of helping TSS bring its all to our members. The kids are moving and she and Lee live a long way from our meetings. Sharon will continue to do the membership with the help of Sue Jeffery. She will still make out all the outing sheets, membership cards, etc. Lee will still be making claims guide books.

And we need a volunteer to take up the duties of Secretary (an Elected Board Member position). Please, contact any Board Member if you are interested or have a candidate.

The duties are:

Take minutes for the general and board meetings.

General minutes need to be typed and available for the next general meeting so they can be voted on.

Board minutes need to be typed & emailed to all the board members around a week after the meeting.

The secretary will keep a copy of all legal documents, pertaining to TSS, for the president.

And Sharon smiled a lot and kept us all on track at our meetings. Thanks Sharon

To all who lent their time, labor and resources to the Christmas party.

Steve Thacker will be taking over the Finds of the Month as of January 2013.

Last Month

We had a 154 sign in at the general meeting with 10 new members sign up.

Door Prize winners- Ernest Nelson & Klaus Gohlke

50/50 of \$108.00 – Jesse Ammon

Finds of the Month: Gold- Randy Oylar Detecting- John Davis Gems- Travis Carter

Gold Nuggets- Sue Conner, Don Lafollette, Travis Carter & Al Trevisan

Grand Prize ¼ oz. Gold Nugget – Mary Troseth

EVENTS & INFO

January 19-20 - outing at the Cargo Muchachos Claims

We still need new photos for TSS website. (TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com)

Betty Johnson (on Alaska and her gold properties) & Ed Husting ([Frontier Gold Prospecting School](#)) will

be the speakers

David Rice's trips: He will guide 2 trips to Painted Gorge area. These are one day trips.

Saturday - January 12th & Sunday - February 10th

Meet time will be at 9 A.M. at the Painted Gorge turnout.

Further information will be forthcoming.

http://www.desertusa.com/magoct97/oct_painted.html

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/poi/el_centropoi.html

http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=1493961

GPAA 2013 Gold Show Schedule

<http://www.goldprospectors.org/Events/GoldTreasureShows/GoldshowArticles/tabid/124/EntryId/610/GPAA-unveils-2013-Gold-Treasure-Expo-Schedule.aspx>

'Just a Little Heart Attack'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7wmPWTnDbE>

ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

By: Jim "Jim Bo" Mears

Our Elected Legislators, Federal and State Agency Decision Makers need to hear from us as to our needs as responsible users of our public lands. Without our inputs the Decision Makers only will have access to less than half of the necessary information needed to make logical decisions on how to manage and maintain our public lands in the best interest of all the users. Without your input, some of our ageing and disabled treasure hunters may no longer enjoy all the collecting sites and recreational areas enjoyed by other groups of recreational users.

The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), partnered with the Sierra Access Coalition, Plumas and Butte Counties filed suit against the Forest Service to stand up for the rights of all who use public land. This class-action suit against the Plumas National Forest, alleges the Forest Service has violated, equal consideration for the disabled and elderly in their land use plans. Because of the unique circumstances and limited mobility, analysis for vehicular use by these members of society must be considered, and motorized access must be allowed. Although this lawsuit is being filed against one forest, the allegations apply to all areas, agencies, and may well change the future of land use decisions for years to come.

Contacting the elected officials and Land Managers during the decision making process could eliminate the need for the legal actions as described above. Please take the time to contact elected representatives and land managers during the decision process to let them know treasure hunters are here and have a need for access to use the public lands held in trust and managed for the good of all users.

Another issue that may have an effect on users of the National Forest land to collect on or just enjoy the mountains and forests, is a ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Arizona's Coronado National Forest regarding Adventure Pass. (Angeles, San Bernardino, Cleveland and Los Padres national forests).

The 15-page decision says any member of the public who walks, hikes, rides a horse, picnics on the side of the 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 even for someone who visits an area with amenities but doesn't use them, violates the Federal Lands and Recreational Enhancement Act, according to the decision.

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

Here's the results of December's Metal Detecting Hunt at Del Mar Beach....

Brian Kinnear \$4.40 & a 1964 silver quarter, John Howe \$.65 and Jerry Kaplan a few cents & junk.

Obviously, Brian hunted where Jerry & I didn't!

The January hunt will be at Coronado beach on January 6th. Maybe we can find some of the holiday revelers' droppings!

As always we had a great turn out Friday the seventh at Bonita cove. The fine folks that showed up were,,, Jim Varonfak is found almost a dollar and Bill and Roz flaffoon found almost the same. I found about 25 cents. But the weather was great. better luck next time. BIG"C"

There will be no Midweek Detecting in January, February or march. As I will be wondering around in the southern states away from the snow. See you in April. 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 - \$25.00 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 March



Two-Day weekend outing for two at **Frontier Gold Prospecting** in Arizona.

This was donated by Ed Husting. (Value = \$638.00)

<http://www.frontiergoldprospecting.com/>

See Yoko or Jerry 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

January is National Soup Month

Taco Soup Made Easy

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground meat, (Beef, Chicken or Turkey)
- 1 small - medium white onion, chopped
- 1 small* can black beans, drained
- 1 small* can kidney beans, drained
- 1 small* can whole corn, drained
- 1 small* can diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce or enchilada sauce
- 2-3 cups broth, Beef or Chicken
- 1- 10 oz. can of Rotel tomatoes
- 1- package dry Taco Seasoning mix (Mc McCormick/ Shillings)
- 1- 1 oz. package Ranch Dressing mix (Hidden Valley), optional

In large Dutch oven brown the ground meat, (drain off any extra grease). Mix all other ingredients in with browned meat, Heat and serve. Garnish with grated cheese, sour cream, cilantro.

* small cans are usually between 14.5 - 15.25 oz

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 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 - 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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