

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, we had our outing at the Freedom claim this past month. We shared our outing with the Southwestern Prospectors and Miners Association. Haven't heard anything from those who attended. It was a bit hot up there. We normally schedule the Freedom for April, but conceded to May for SPMA scheduling. We shared with their Potholes claim in March.

This month, we had the opportunity to give a California Gold Rush presentation to two elementary schools and also put on an educational event for two Boy Scout Troops. It is amazing how some schools teach about California became a state while other schools pretty much depend on what we give them in our presentation.

The Scouts got some education on metal detecting, we taught them how to properly dig and fill holes, how to pinpoint their targets, and also had a hunt contest. The scout officers were even talking about a possible merit badge as an outdoor activity. Thanks to Kalina, Linda and Dwight for the education/hunt. They let me help too.

On tap for this month is the Ranchita claim. This is a claim that we share with the SPMA group. There is a YouTube video out showing a metal detectorist finding a meteorite in the area. There is a lot of old history in this area. It also contains the Montezuma Mine. The gold was in the schist layers as I remember. Great place to metal detect for relics and such. There are a few in our organization who know a lot about this area in the past. Hopefully they will step up, volunteer to go, and help those who want to attend. The claim is in our Claims Guide.

We have been asked as an organization to volunteer our time to help at the Del Mar Fair at the Gem and Mineral building. We have three days to help the kids search for gems and minerals hidden in the sand. The experience that comes to my mind is where the mother will be holding their young ones while the young one is holding a binky in their mouth. The young one wants their try to search for a gemstone. A little dribble will be coming from their mouth and suddenly the binky will drop in the sand. Just the sight of it in the sand causes me to cover it up with sand..... The signup sheet will be at the general meeting.

We are getting ready for our July picnic at Dixon Lake. We will have our metal detecting and gold panning contests. Some also may want to bring some equipment to demonstrate. We are NOT going to have a general meeting in July. I repeat, there will NOT be a general meeting in July. I know, some will not get this message, or will come just to make the trip.....

I know there is more to share, but sometimes, it's better to leave some things unsaid so that you can come to the meetings and experience the great speakers and the comradery. See you at the meeting.

-Sourdough Chet

* Lee Crnkovic, our Claims Guide Guru and friend, is in the hospital up in Los Angeles for an operation. Please send him and Sharon all your thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery. slgacrnk@aol.com



Somebody's pan on the Yuba.

Thank You

Lee Darling, for the interesting and informative talk. I learned many things.

Sue Conner and Mary Truesdale did an excellent job, for us, at the GPAA Gold Show. They brought back \$788 from the sales.

Sharon is giving up the maintaining membership. Aline Hendricks volunteered to take the position

Donna is stepping down as librarian. Rozalynn Laffoon is taking over the library.

Last Month

There were 131 people present tonight. Number 65 wins the door prize tonight –Dan Mc Guigan.

FIND OF THE MONTH:

Gold: 1st place Jason Evans, 2nd Dan Mc Guigan.

Metal detecting: 1st place ??? 2nd place Frank Hubbert

Gems: 1st Place Frank Hubbert 2nd Place John Hendricks

DRAWINGS:

50/50 – \$103.00 Dave Grimshaw.

Gold Nuggets: (4) Janice Davies, Joe Corriher, Ray Klapka, Jason Evans.

Upcoming Events & Information

June 15 Outing: Ranchita Buck Canyon #1 & #2

June 1-2: Julian Gold Rush Days - We have a booth. - But it will be over when you read this.

www.juliangoldrushdays.com

Metal Detecting

May 5 outing at Ocean Beach: We had 14 attendees. Another great day to detect. The hot weather hasn't started yet so watch out when it does! As a group we found a total of \$21.19. Here's the final tally by cash found: John Davis = \$8.61 smartphone, pearl (huge) ring, 2 earrings, John Howe = \$5.90, Brian Kinnear = \$2.85 , harmonica, Jack Stangle = \$2.07, 1 Euro cent, Dave Coolen = \$0.65, silver ring, Jacob Salas = \$0.37, Rich Heygi = \$0.32, toy car, Jerry Steffler = \$0.28, earring, Steve Brite + \$0.08, token, Mike Pruitt = \$0.03, Rupert Salas = \$0.02, Bill Laffoon = \$0.01, Roz Laffoon = \$0.00, earring, toy car and Jon Cunningham = \$0.00 and the new owner of THE SKUNK.

I think the June 2nd outing will be at South Mission Beach (at the river jetty). Last time I found 2 rings around the volleyball courts, but you have to get there early to beat the athletes!

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 with your TSS membership card.

Dowsing Rods - \$25.00 - Limited to one set per member

Treasure Seekers Pins & Decals

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$12.00/Bag - limited to four bags per member

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 June The Gold Cube



http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/gold_cube_

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

Simply Easy Grilled Shrimp

- 1.5 lbs. Shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 Garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tablespoons Honey
- 1/4 Fresh Lemon - juice
- 2 - 3 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
- Dash of cayenne pepper

In a small bowl whisk together all ingredients except the shrimp. Thread shrimp onto skewers that have been soaked in water (to keep from burning on the grill). Brush one side of shrimp with glaze. Grill for one to two minutes. Turn shrimp, brush with glaze, and cook two minutes or until shrimp are opaque. Serves four.

FOR SALE

Sovereign XS 2A Pro, chest pouch, manual, coiltek 15" orange coil & cover, custom non-corroding straight handle, Sunray nimh battery & auto charger, headphones, super shape. \$450.

Excalibur 1000, 10" coil & cover, manual, new rechargeable battery pack + original, custom straight non-corroding shaft, auto battery charger. Works great! \$425.

Sovereign 6" coil & cover on a complete shaft. \$100.

Sunray Sovereign target display unit, battery powered. \$40.

Noise canceling headphones, used twice. These are great! \$20 Extra Minelab handle and lower shaft, as new. \$40.

Custom non-corroding straight shaft blanks. \$20. Misc. parts. call. Everything - \$1000.

Email for pics/info: dbartheloo3@gmail.com or call 619-475-8746, leave msg.

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.

What to expect at a TSSD Outing:

1. Come prepared for "you". You are camping on your own.
2. That means your own food and your own water. You need to make sure that you have enough food and water for your intended stay.
3. Your own lodging and transportation. Make sure that you have enough fuel (gas) to get to and from the location.
4. There are no public restrooms available - you need to come prepared, i.e. a port-a-potty.
5. Bring your own mining equipment, spare parts and necessities.
6. TSS invites you to the area; there is no 'guide' to show you around. You explore the desert on your own. Members will answer some questions if they are able to do so of the area.
7. If you are new to gold hunting - many members will let you share their equipment so that you get to know what you are really wanting to purchase.
8. Potluck - if this is a weekend trip - TSS members like to have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. This means you bring your own eating utensils, plates and drinks. We ask that each person participating bring a dish to share for 6 to 8 people. All food is welcome. There is nothing furnished by the chapter, unless otherwise stated. Please sample a little from each dish, but leave some for others. You do not have to participate in the potluck - the choice is yours.
9. Firewood - there is normally an evening fire after the potluck; where we share our experiences. If you have some extra firewood, it is appreciated.
10. Most areas are wide open desert - do not feel that you need to camp right next to someone, everyone enjoys their own space.
11. Animals are welcome as long as they are leashed.
12. You will be asked to sign in for attendance and for the Hold Harmless Agreement (same as on the membership application).

Aluminum pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Please bring your aluminum pull-tabs to the TSS General Meeting each month.

TSS member Sue Jeffrey will collect and donate them

<http://www.rmhc.com/how-you-can-help/pop-tab-collections/>

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 the Associate Librarian, Rozalynn Laffoon, 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 we ask, not much, is anything checked out is 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

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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