

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

August, 2013

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A lot of events have taken place since we last met. We had our picnic in July. The metal detecting hunt was a whole lot of fun. Prizes being many old U.S. coins. Medallions found for some special prizes. We also had the gold panning contest. Klaus brought his rock crusher and gave us a demonstration of how it works. At least 65 members and guests showed up.

A number of us went to Roaring Camp for a week right after the June general meeting. Spent a whole week hiking over to the raging waters, walking on slippery rocks in the water, and walking over to our prospecting site over large boulders. This we did twice daily for the whole week. The weather was perfect, the camaraderie was great and we had a whole lot of fun.....

We had our outing at the Ranchita claim that we share with the SPMA prospecting group. SPMA members were there also. Members did find some small gold in the schist material. I got a call from the SPMA president about someone using some large equipment. He made mention in his presidents message about a large jackhammer and compressor. Another topic he also mentioned was about someone on the Starlight claim bringing home some material to prospect through. Evidently this may come under some rule where you cannot do this unless you have a special permit to extract sand and gravel. Someone was stopped by a ranger and given a warning on what they were in violation of. You can take home the concentrates but not material to process later.

Education and fun times were had with four groups of cub scouts and one large group of boy scouts. These events took place at various times these past two months. We were asked by these groups to put on a gig where we taught them how to metal detect and pan for gold. For the boy scouts, we hid coins and let them learn how to and use metal detectors. For both groups, we taught them how to pan for gold. They had a lot of fun and so did we. There is no way to thank the volunteers so much for their help in scheduling and putting on these events for these youngsters.

In the past few weeks, one of our TSS members was featured on a local TV station about how he found a lost engagement ring at the beach. Evidently a young man was proposing to his lady while in the water, a wave came up and swept the ring away. Don found the ring nine inches deep in the surf. KUSI TV folks did a feature with Don and the young couple.

A group of our members went up to Alaska on Betty Krutch Johnson's property. Some great nuggets were found. Looks a bit better than some found on the Alaska GPAA property. If you know those who went, you'll just have to ask them yourselves.

The hearing for the motion for a preliminary injunction on dredging has been postponed again. The new date and time is as follows. August 27, 2013 @ 8:30 AM at the Rancho Cucamonga Court, Judge Gilbert Ochoa, Dept. R8, 8303 Haven Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Jerry Hobbs would like to see us all pack the courtroom.

That's it for now. Just one more thanks for all those who helped at all the scout events, our editor who makes our newsletter fantastic, those who volunteer at our monthly meetings, those who feed us all those good ideas and those who volunteer to make this organization as great as it is. A special thanks goes to Kalina who has introduced us to a new venue for educating our younger generation into the art of metal detecting, gold prospecting and gem and mineral hunting and identification. -Sourdough Chet



The standard gold bar held as gold reserves by central banks and traded among bullion dealers is the 400-troy-ounce (12.4 kg, 29.76 pounds or 476.16 avoirdupois ounces) gold bar.

Thank You

Guest Speaker - June: Gary Eckert-Do it yourself prospecting tools

Kalina - for your work, on our behalf, with the Boy Scouts

All who helped with the July Picnic at Dixon Lake

Last Month - June & July

133 Signed in at General meeting

Finds of the Month : Gold- 1)Klaus Gohlke, 2)Jason Evans. Metal detecting- 1) Dwight Reed, 2) John Davis, Gems-1)Klaus Gohlke, 2) Jason Evans.

Door prizes- 1st Dave Grimshaw , 2nd- Virginia West.

50/50- Mike Knudson \$103.00.

Gold Nuggets: Blake Sanford, David Foulk, Robert Cook, Janice Davies.

Grand Prize : Gold Cube – Cindy Williams.

Picnic - July 13th Picnic Dixon lake: Thirty-two (32) signed in at the picnic.

Metal Detecting contest:

Winners: Dwight Reed, Jack Stangel, Keith Browning, and 1 Unknown Lady (it was her first time metal detecting – her name not given; prize for her held by Jerry Goldstein)

Gold Panning:

Winner: Women- Kalina C. Men: Marty Neal

Wonderful time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Upcoming Events & Information

Club Outing, Saturday the 17th, at Dixon lake - Equipment Demonstrations

POISONOUS LIZARDS

There are only two venomous lizard species in the world.

The Gila Monster, extremely rare in California, found only in the extreme eastern Mojave Desert near the Nevada border and the Mexican Beaded Lizard, found principally in Southern Mexico and Guatemala

Gila Monster - *Heloderma suspectum*

A heavy, slow-moving lizard, up to 2' long, it is the largest land lizard in the United States. Its venom is a fairly mild neurotoxin. And though a Gila bite is extremely painful, none has resulted in a reported human death

Gilas are lethargic creatures that feed primarily on eggs raided from nests and newborn mammals. They may spend more than 95 percent of their lives in underground burrows, emerging only to feed and occasionally to bask in the desert sun. They can store fat in their oversized tails and are able to go months between meals.

Poisonous lizards do not generally bite unless they are handled. Gilas are slow moving and make lots of noise, hissing.

The venom is a neurotoxin similar to that of a coral snake. It is released from glands in the lower jaw and conducted through grooved teeth by capillary action and chewing. The lizards don't have fangs; they just chew on you for a while, without letting go. The lizards are very tenacious.

The force of the jaws of a lizard can cause a crushing, or compression, injury. These injuries can cause severe swelling and may damage underlying tissues, blood vessels, nerves, joints, or bones. The force may cause the skin to split open or scrape off. Tissue may be damaged either from the bite itself or from attempts to remove the lizard.



Metal Detecting

June 9, 2013 @ South Mission Beach. 12 attendees. Nothing spectacular, but a great day for detecting. I think the best find was Gerry Steffler's silver bracelet!

Attendees: Gerry Kaplan \$2.86, Frank Trutta \$2.58, John Trosheth \$2.10, earring, Dan McGuigan \$1.31, key, misc jewelry, Zee Trutta \$1.26, bracelet, cup ring, Michelle Silva \$1.20, junk ring, John Howe \$1.04, toe ring

Rich Hegyi \$.61, toy, Becky Adimari \$.59, Gerry Steffler \$.57, silver bracelet, Bob Adimari \$.40 and the winner of THE SKUNK - Mary Troseth - watcher

The August detecting outing will be at Coronado on 8/11. Details to follow.

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 September

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

Jicama - Pineapple Salsa

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice
- 3 cups peeled pineapple, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 2 tablespoons fresh pineapple juice, squeezed from the rind
- 1 cup jicama, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1 jalapeño, stemmed, seeded, and finely chopped
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced (optional)

Directions: In a bowl, combine the red onion with the lime juice and let stand for 10 minutes. Add the pineapple, pineapple juice, jicama, cilantro, brown sugar, jalapeño, and scallion to the bowl and toss. Serve with Pork Tenderloin makes a winning combination.

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.

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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