

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The hearing for the motion for a preliminary injunction on dredging was held August 27, 28. Judge Gilbert Ochoa, has denied the preliminary injunction. He found that the miners did not have irreparable harm. It was also mentioned in the articles from the PLP and ICMJ that most of those who showed up at the hearings were “recreational miners” who did not have to depend on dredging as a means of making a living. This was a hearing on a “preliminary injunction”, so that means that there will be a court hearing in the future and I wouldn’t hold my breath on any dredging for a long while in California. Other states seem to be following this same pattern too.

We went dark for any prospecting/gem hunting in August because of the heat and the weather doesn’t seem to be cooling off. We may have to do the same for September. We were planning on heading out to a Poway creek for some gem and possible gold ventures but two of us went out there and found most to all of the property as being private now.

Robert has been doing a fine job of getting all our claims papers filed with the county recorders. The recording prices have gone up quite a bit this year. Thanks Robert for all that paper filing.

We have been invited back to the annual Pumpkin Festival at Bates Nut Farm. We will be there September 28 and 29. We’ll set up the booths on Friday the 27th. We’ll have the gold panning and metal detecting as we did last year, but we will also have GPAA there to show off their stuff and maybe add a little pizzazz to our event. This may be a shared event where we may be able to make some more chapter points.

This is our quarterly meeting where we will have our grand prize drawing and the prize is the Garrett Ace 350. Be there at the meeting and don’t forget the extra tickets as well.

In this message, I have included an article on Geocaching.

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GEOCACHING

I recently read an article on the Internet, Desert USA website, on the subject of Geocaching. I know a lot of our members enjoy this adventure, so I thought I would pass along parts of this article. The article was written by Joe Zentner and here are some of the notes I took.

Geocaching is an activity resembling a modern day treasure hunt. The find can be a container holding a cache of items such as a pocket knife, flag, trinkets, some change and probably a note or two.

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game where participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to hide and seek containers called caches. Individuals set up caches then share their location on the internet. GPS users use the location coordinates to find the caches.

A geocacher will place a container with some sort of treasure and logbook in some hidden spot and post

the coordinates on a website. Other geocachers obtain the coordinates from the Internet and look for the cache using a GPS receiver. The geocachers finding the container, record their exploits in the logbook and online.

Geocachers may take objects from the cache in exchange for leaving another object so that there is something for the next person to find. Serious hunters sign the logbook by using a nickname. These serious geocache hunters more often get an official Geocaching sticker for the container in case someone not in the Geocaching sport does not make off with the container.

The only thing you need to begin Geocaching is a GPS unit to find or hide the container and the Internet to locate or state the coordinates. Coordinates are given as longitude and latitude. These are “waypoints” showing where a geocache is hidden.

Inside the container should be a logbook which contains notes from cache visitors and other treasures such as books, CDs, videos, pictures, money, jewelry and many other items. If you take something, be sure to leave something in return.

You can start at www.geocaching.com, then work yourself into any and all directions.

This article is very interesting to read and covers many other aspects of this Geocaching hobby. Read it on the Desert USA Website, subject, Geocaching in the Desert, Treasure Hunting in the 21st Century.

Thank You

Guest Speaker - Jason Federico from The GPAA.

Said that his Boss Brandon wants them to be more hands on with the Treasure Seekers.

Alaska Trip- to the Betty Krutzsch Johnson's Alaska property. A number of our members went these past months – Linda Durbin, Dave Coolen, Toni Griffith, Dave, Frank, Lee, Jim

Toni Griffith presented a 30 min video presentation of their trip, then answered questions about the cost and things associated with the trip. Cost was \$2500 for lodging, food, access to the claim for High banking, metal detecting and panning.

Last Month

Door Prizes: David Craig, Blakely Sanford.

Finds of the Month:

Gold: Klaus Gholke, Linda Durbin/Metal detecting: Michele Sheppard, Linda Durbin/Gems: Klaus Gholke, Gene Lepper

Drawings:

50/50: Leon Billon \$86.00 Gold Nuggets(5): Steve Gessler, Jon Cunningham, Al Bauchner, Earnest Nelsen, Don Musial.

Del Mar Fair- We volunteered for the Gem and Mineral Booth for three days

Ranchita Claim – With SPMA members... 10 members of both clubs showed up.

Mataguay Scout Event- 2 days spent showing Boy Scouts how to metal detect and pan for gold. John Howe, Ray Wilkerson, Chester, Jerry Goldstein, Linda Durbin, Kalina C., Dave Coolen, and Charlene Meyers.

Cub Scout Group Events- 3 - 4 cub scout events, taught them how to metal detect and pan for gold.

TSS Picnic- 32 people signed in, 4 winners in metal detect. Kalina C. and Marty Neal won the gold panning contest. Klaus gave us a demo on one of his rock crushers.

Upcoming Events & Information

September Speaker : Steve Scholl

Equipment demo- October 12 -Dixon Lake 9 A.M.

Poway Gem Hunt, September 21

IRS ObamaCare Rule

This week the IRS published its 75-page final rule on ObamaCare's individual mandate. Are you ready for the title of this rule? The "Shared Responsibility Payment for Not Maintaining Minimum Essential Coverage." Shared responsibility payment? That's right! That is the phrase that is being used to describe the mandate's non-compliance penalty. It uses the term "shared responsibility payment" more than 50 times in the rule. Keep in mind that these "payments" are actually taxes, as ruled by the Supreme Court, and yet the word "tax" is never used in the rule related to the individual mandate. This is dishonest on the part of the IRS to try and mask the true nature of ObamaCare. The Supreme Court didn't rule on "shared responsibility payments" it ruled on taxes. Calling it anything other than what it truly is, is nothing more than the current administration trying to change the language in the hopes that the American people are too ignorant to understand what is really going on.

Metal Detecting

Coronado hunt - August 11

15 attendees. Another beautiful detecting day. Cool early, then sunny & warm. No spectacular finds but Bill Laffoon had an interesting find. He dug up an encrusted metal "something". I suggested he take it home and try to remove the encrustation. He called me back and told me that the object was an old San Diego transit token from the early 1950s. I was especially surprised that he found it in the dry sand! It must have washed up from the water. Also interesting was that it hadn't been detected yet or maybe it was and got thrown back. Again, it just shows that you never know what you might find.

John Howe \$2.85 & ugly junk ring, Bob Adimari \$.02 & 2 Euro coin (\$2.66), Becky Adimari \$1.42 & computer chip, Brian Kinnear \$.55, Jack Stangle \$.51 & hand fan, Sandy Jones & Steve School \$.37, Bill Laffoon \$.21, Jerry Kaplan \$.18, Andy LaBarge \$.12 & 2 Mexican coins, Rich Hall \$.10 & toy truck, Roz Laffoon \$.01 Wins the SKUNK again!
Jon Cunningham left early, Olaf Dethlefsen, John Francis

September metal detecting will be at La Jolla Shores on the 8th at 8 am-ish. We'll meet up around 10:00 to compare, find and whine

And: Mission beach, September 22

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



Garrett ACE 350 metal detector!!

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

Nomemade - Nome, Alaska - Fresh Salmon

Ride your 4 wheeler across the Cripple River, then North for approximately 14 miles from the Cripple River Camp to the mouth of the Sinuk River, (on the Bering Sea).

Make a fire on the beach from all the drift wood that has washed a shore.

Catch a Salmon coming in the Sinuk River

Have someone who is more experience than me, Filet the Salmon, tossing the remains over their shoulder on the beach for the Sea Gulls and Bears to have as dinner later. Caution- Watch your back. Place the filleted Salmon on aluminum foil.

Season with *Perry's Secret Seasoning. Wrap the Seasoned Salmon Filets in 2 layers of foil, now place on the heated rack over the hot driftwood coals. Guessing, cook for 10 - 15 mins. Remove from heat, unwrap and eat!

*Perry's Secret Seasoning

Medium Ground Corn Meal

Lawry's Seasoning

(Sorry don't know the rest of the ingredients)

Guessing you could add a combination of: chili powder, dried oregano, black ground pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, dried dill, cumin, paprika or your favorite spices; also thinking there might have been a hint of sugar or brown sugar added

Yummy! The Best Salmon we ever had.

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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