

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looks like the summer heat is drawing to a close. We may now get on to our monthly outings. Our “scheduled” outing for October is the Hall of Fame claim. This one is a bit difficult to get to, so refer to the Claims Guide for information. It’s best to have this if you are planning on going out there.

This weekend is our educational event at Bates nut Farm. We will have free events for the younger generation. We will have our event where we show the kids how to metal detect and we’ll show them how to pan for gold. This is not an event for profit, but for the reason we have our non-profit educational status. The kids and scouts loved it last year and this year we are also including the GPAA representatives. This will show off our parent corporation and they have told me that they will hold a free raffle for the youngsters.

Our November outing is supposed to be out at the Cargo claims and in the past we have held a Thanksgiving dinner out there. I can’t guarantee that this year. That will be up to those who are planning to go out there. This is one thing that I really don’t have control of. That comes from those volunteers who want to help.

Then of course our Christmas party is just around the corner. The year is coming to a close, just like this message. May your pans be full of great food or gold, or both.

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### GEOCACHING

What is Geocaching? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYTqitVK-Ts>

[http://shop.geocaching.com/default/cache-essentials/cache-containers?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=9-3-13](http://shop.geocaching.com/default/cache-essentials/cache-containers?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=9-3-13)

# Thank You

**Guest Speaker:** Steve Scholl - about rattlesnakes. Discussed different marks on the desert snakes and how to distinguish between non-poisonous and poisonous snakes.

## Last Month

**Finds of the Month:** Gold- Mike Regin Metal Detecting- Dwight Reed Gems – Rose Pizzo

**Door prizes:** 1st Mike Gillis , 2nd- Chris Heid.

**50/50:** Beverly Bouldin \$115.00.

**Gold Nuggets:** Kalina Caltagirone, Claude Poissonniez, Blakely Sanford & Gene Oliver.

**Grand Prize:** Garrett Ace 350 Metal Detector – Dennis James.

## Upcoming Events & Information

Equipment Demo at Dixon Lake: October 12th, 9:00 a.m. A \$10 to \$15 donation will be required of commercial vendors selling and demo-ing at demonstration.

October 19&20 Outing: Hall of Fame Claim

GPAA Renewal – Tell them you're with Treasure Seekers of San Diego Co.

Speaker : October's speaker will be from Randsburg per Jason Evans.

Court hearing – The moratorium on recreational dredging was overturned until 2014 when the main case is settled.

Due to \$103 repair bill on a piece of the club equipment, the Board has decided to change the language in the equipment loan documents to include a \$50 deposit on any power equipment loaned out to members

## Metal Detecting

La Jolla Shores on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>:

Another great day for beach detecting. We had 13 attendees who found nothing spectacular or unique, but still worth the time (at least for me). Al Freeman \$1.66, Frank Trutta \$1.50 and a tungsten carbide men's ring , John Howe \$1.44, Jerry Kaplan \$1.31, John Davis \$1.28 and 4 pairs of sunglasses, Terry McGlaughlin \$1.16, Zee Truta \$.88 and an apparent junk ring, Rich Heygi \$.73, Bob Adimari \$.60, Brian Kinnear \$.48 but he was using his new machine in the wet, Big C \$.30, Becky Adimari \$.26 and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses, Jack Stangle \$.16 **AND THIS MONTH'S WINNER OF THE SKUNK!**

The October outing will be at Mission Beach October 6th at 8 AM-ish. We'll meet up at 10:00 to brag and/or complain. Sooner or later we'll hit a "productive" beach.

## 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 October

**See Jerry Goldstein For your WINNING Ticket!!!**

### **Finds of the Month**

Show off what you have done in the **last month!**

**1<sup>st</sup>** and **2<sup>nd</sup>** Prize winners for each category.

**Gold - Gems and Minerals - Metal Detecting**

# MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

## Hot Cheesy Halloween Dip

### Ingredients:

- 1- 8 oz. package Cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup grated Jalapeño jack or Monterey jack or 1/2 cup of each
- 1/2 - 3/4 cup Real Mayonnaise
- dash of Tabasco sauce or cayenne pepper
- 1/4 cup purple onion, finely diced or grated
- 4 slices of Bacon, cooked and crumbled

Mix all ingredients a medium to large bowl. Pour mixture into a shallow baking dish (oven proof pan). Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until heated.

Serve with pita chips, your favorite corn chips or crackers

## FOR SALE

Send your Ads to [TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com)

Used Fisher CZ 3D with hard case, Metal Detector - \$500  
Call Frank Trutta @ Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516

Gene Edwards has a Go Pro Water Proof Camera for sale. It is new and original cost was \$300.00. He is asking \$150.00 for it now. If interested, call Gene Edwards at 760-212-6436 or [seahearts200@gmail.com](mailto:seahearts200@gmail.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](mailto: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 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](http://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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