

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm reading some great articles on the Internet at the DesertUSA.com website. The latest is Ancient Seashells in the Desert. The article speaks about the Yuha Basin and the shell bed of six million year old oyster fossils. The article also describes other shell bed areas. Look up DesertUSA.com The National Park Service Rangers have reopened the National Parks; phone call to the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce confirmed. The road to Joshua Tree was closed during of our October outing. The equipment demonstration went well at Dixon Lake. We had 18 members show up and 10 pieces of equipment were demonstrated. It would have been nice to see more members and equipment show up but, on a positive note, this must mean that present members are pretty knowledgeable on prospecting equipment.

Since our October fest outing at Bates Nut Farm was attended by GPAA one day, but they didn't show up on the second day, I went to the Temecula Valley Prospectors similar event in Temecula to see how the GPAA supported them. They didn't show up with anything for the TVP Chapter. We invited them to help bolster our points and their membership, and they showed up Saturday, but not Sunday. I know GPAA knew TVP would be at the Corn Maze in Temecula.

Got a message from Mike Mahr on metal detecting in Temecula parks. Evidently the Temecula Park Rangers are enforcing an ordinance (No. 90-19) that digging at park sites is prohibited. The ordinance gets pretty specific down to the plants, brush and blades of grass. I put those last three words in there just to glorify the statement.

Sleepy Bear Outing put on by our speaker Joe Martori. What a great outing! A one day event out in the Randsburg area. We got to tour his set-up and equipment. Joe gave us a talk of his area and operation. Then we were led out to various areas on his claim and allowed to set up our gear and prospect. Many found good amounts of gold and some found little amounts. At lunch time, we had a hot dog barbeque. There were many from our TSS group as well as the TVP group. After we finished and packed up, we went to the Freedom claim for a visual visit. The place looks great, really well cleaned up and still mounds to dig through.

Our November outing is at the Cargo claims. The 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. In the past, we have had our Thanksgiving potluck but us oldsters are leaving this up to the newer members to carry on the tradition. So far, it is hard to get them to step up.

Don't forget the Christmas party Sunday December 8. Gift exchange \$15.00-\$20.00 gift. Pot luck will surely be guaranteed. Bring a side dish. Madrid Manor. Lets see some more new members show up. Our 2014 Event Calendar should be out at our Nov. meeting. If you have some areas in mind that you would like to visit, you know we can make some changes. That's it for now.

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# Thank You

Joe Martori of Sleepy Bear Mining. Spoke about placer mining and land restoration after the minerals have been removed. It is possible to recover 3.5 grams of .9999 fine gold in three hours at the mine in Ransburg.

## Last Month

**Finds of the Month:** **Gold-** 1) Joe Corriher 2) Frank Huberts **Metal Detecting** 1) Dwight Reed 2) Michelle Silva  
**Gems** 1) Dan McGuigan 2) Frank Huberts.

**Door prize:** Blakely Sanford

**50/50:** Charlene Meyers \$63.00.

**Gold Nuggets:** Mike Mahr, Robert Cook, Jill Koch & Dain Blackburn.

**Equipment Demo at Dixon Lake:** October 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. went well.

**Monthly trip:** Hall of Fame claim, unfortunately, due to the government shut-down, was cancelled.

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Joe Martori from Ransburg had a one-day outing in Ransburg.

**GPAA Renewal** – Tell them you're with Treasure Seekers of San Diego Co. [We get points.](#)

## Upcoming Events & Information

**Speaker:** November is Rick Hall about bottle collecting.

**Monthly Outing:** November 16 & 17 @ the Cargo Claims

**Christmas party:** December 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. It will be held at the Madrid Manor Community Center. Gift exchange is held to a limit of \$15-\$20 per gift.

Please, only sign up for the party if positive you will attend. This list is used for calculating the food needed.

## Metal Detecting

Liberty gold mine - 2 **Huge** gold nuggets from Corbley's 'Potato Patch'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2Nah36EJh4>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGLgYrphdmM>

### October Metal Detecting outing at Mission Beach, 10-6-2013.

We had 11 attendees including a couple of SPMA members and a "unique" detector. Here are the results sorted in cash order: John Howe \$3.36, set of keys, nail clipper, Chris Humpherys (SPMA) \$2.49, tungsten ring, toy truck, Jack Stangle \$2.27, silver toe ring, toy car, Jerry Kaplan \$1.75, junk ring, dog tag, Mark Rahhal (SPMA) \$1.35, cremation tag, peridot earring, Big C \$1.31, John (+ Mary) Troseth \$1.12,

Michele Silva \$.88, toy car, Roz Laffoon \$.25, Bill Laffoon \$0.00 and the winner of the SKUNK!

Here's a picture of the unique. Mark Rahhal (SPMA) brought his home-built detecting "plow". It has a 40"x20" coil. I watched as Mark pushed it along the wet sand. It works as evidenced by his finds. I was impressed watching him detect with it. Of course he can't pinpoint with it. That's where he uses his Minelab CTX 3030 which he has slung over his shoulder! COOL!



Thanks Charlie for the picture.

For November's outing (11-10-2013) I'm thinking of Ocean Beach. -John Howe

## 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

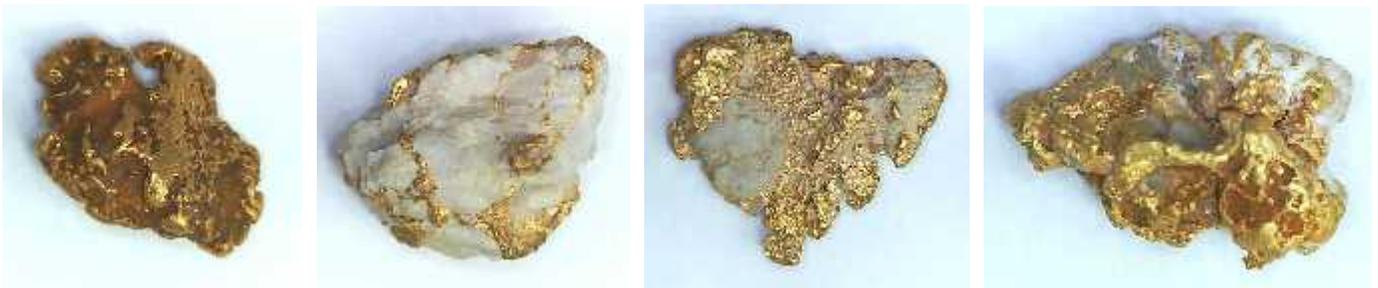
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Gold Nuggets

Raffle Table

**Special Ticket for 'Super Prize'** drawing at the end of the year with every \$20 tickets purchased.

## Quarterly Grand Prize drawing for November



**All Four Nuggets Go To One Winner!**



**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

## Fall Corn Pudding

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar (1/2 cup for sweeter taste)
- 2 - 3 Eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 1 package (8-1/2 ounces) corn bread/muffin mix
- 1/2 cup whole or 2% milk
- 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained (for a more colorful look use the Mexican style corn that has the red and green peppers)
- 1 can (14-3/4 ounces) cream-style corn

Preheat oven to 325°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in sour cream. Gradually add muffin mix alternately with milk. Fold in corn.

Pour into a greased 3-qt. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, 45-50 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Yield: 8 servings.

## FOR SALE

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