

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a great outing this past month. David Rice took us on the Painted Gorge trip. It was a bit larger that David likes it but Hey! He does a great job and everybody knows it. 42 people from three different organizations. So what did they see? From fossils to petrified wood to gems and other minerals plus the explanation of geological events that happened thousands to millions of years ago.

This month Randy Oyler will be our guide to one of our claims on the Summit Range out in the Randsburg area. We will be on the Smokin' Claim. If Conrad Eury goes too, I'm sure they both will help guide you to some of the good spots out there. If you are planning on taking a motorhome, maybe the best spot might be the Freedom Claim to camp.

John Howe is making up a new email mailing list for TSS. It's getting too big with a lot of names of those who no longer attend the meetings. For those who have not attended 3 or more meetings, you might find out you are not getting that information on what is going on in our organization.

Another matter concerning your attendance and our Claims Guide. Updates to the Guide will not be given to you unless you have on your person, a current membership card.

Maintenance fees and other organizational costs come from your participation at our meetings. If you don't attend it's only fair that you are eliminated from the membership and the Claims Guide list.

P.S. If you are not a member, you cannot, legally, prospect or mine the Treasure Seekers' claims.

We have two upcoming events. We have been asked to participate in the Julian Gold Rush Days and we are working on participating in the Vista Strawberry Festival. Julian will be a 2 day event. I don't know about the Strawberry Festival. These are like the GPAA Gold Show, but on our local turf. We don't have to travel for miles and miles and pay big hotel fees to participate. This will take man and women power to run. We will have a sign-up sheet to see if we have enough members to run this operation.

The big snag is they will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekends of May. Two weekends in a row. Some can sign up for one and others sign up for the other. We can do it and have lots of fun.

Also, upcoming is the election of officers in April. We have the offices of President and Treasurer to refill. I know what you are thinkin'. You know it has to change sooner or later and this is the time to give it some thought. Somebody else has to start running this organization and it might as well be you. There are many facets to running this Treasure Seekers; much of it can be delegated.

Last item here is PLP support. It's costin' big time to fight all the battles to keep our public lands open for us to enjoy, prospect and mine on. The dredging court battle is coming up again, I believe in April. They are even helping in the battle of Buckman Springs road closures. We gotta' help them all we can. TSS is trying to do their part, but you gotta' do yours.

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# Thank You

“To the Treasure Seekers of San Diego County

Thank you so very much for saving the day for us at the Painted Gorge/Plaster City outing last Saturday. Because of the kindness, skill and patience of your members, our trip to the desert ended much more pleasantly than it might have done otherwise. Not only did TSSD members change our blown out tire, but they dug out, lifted and pushed our Jeep back onto the trail and followed us out of the area until they were assured we were safe. Special thanks Steve, who led the rescue with such good cheer, and to the people in the Jeep who came back to help when they noticed we were no longer following them.

Wishing you all well.

Pat and Penelope”

David Rice talked about the Plaster City field trip and led the two day event.

Betty Crutch-Johnson spoke about her camp near Nome, Alaska, and her gold prospecting property.

## Last Month

Saturday, January 18th's outing to Plaster City - Painted Gorge with David Rice was outstanding.

Total of 42 people in attendance from both IVG and TSS. Perfect weather with calcite crystals and petrified wood for all.

**Finds of the Month:** Metal Detecting – Cindy Williams; Gems – 1) Jacob Wika; Gold – 1) Michelle Sylvia, 2) Jason Evans

**Opportunity Drawings** - Door prize- Walter De Lorrell IV

**50/50** - Brenda Jackson \$71.00.

**Gold Nuggets** - Duncan Fane, Bruce Hofer, Brian Winter, Kalina Caltagirone

## Upcoming Events & Information

**‘Super Prize’ drawing at the end of the year is this meeting.**

February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – Smokin’ Claim, by the chimney, Outing (Summit Range out in the Randsburg area)

February’s Speaker - Klaus Golkhe will discuss his rock crusher and what it can accomplish.

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

## Metal Detecting

Here's the results for the January outing at Coronado:

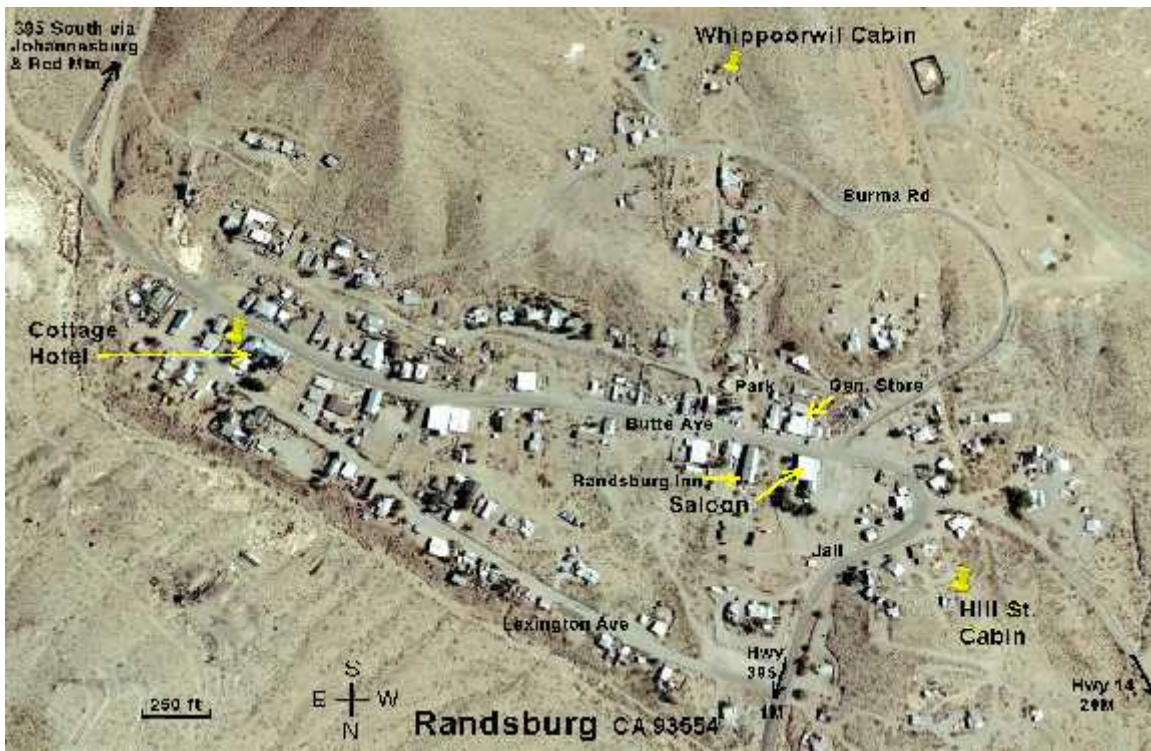
We had 13 attendees. Absolutely gorgeous day at the beach and for the first time we had a tie for the SKUNK! Do I have to cut it in half?

Here are the results in order of decreasing cash: Frank Trutta \$2.06, Mike Gillis \$1.41, John Howe \$ 1.05 - silver Tiffany ear stud, Zee Trutta \$0.92, Rich Hegyi \$0.52 , Leon & Lori Brillon \$ 0.50 - 10 peso coin, Brian Kinnear \$ 0.40 - crematory tag, Jerry Kaplan \$.28, Jack Stangle \$0.08, Marvin Foster \$ .01, Trish Heygi \$0.0 1/2 **SKUNK!** & Bruce Quinn \$ 0.0 1/2 **SKUNK!**

**Hint:** Bring an old penny with you when you’re detecting and accidentally drop it in front of your rig.

For the February outing on the 9th, how about Mission Beach? Either at the roller coaster or south at the jetty. I'll make up my mind and let everyone know.

- 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, and 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 March



TEKNETICS EUROTEK PRO Metal Detector  
<http://www.teknetictz.com/teknetics-metal-detectors.htm>

**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

### Guacamole Dip

#### Ingredients:

3-4 Haas avocados, halved, seeded and peeled  
1 lime, juiced  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne  
1/2 medium onion, diced  
1/2 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced  
2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced  
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro, optional  
1-2 cloves garlic, minced  
Tabasco sauce to taste

#### Directions:

In a large bowl scoop out the avocado, add the lime juice, toss to coat. If there appears to be too much lime juice, drain, and reserve the lime juice, after all of the avocados have been coated. Using a fork or potato masher, mash the avocados, leave slightly chunky if desired, add the salt, cumin, and cayenne. Then, fold in the onions, jalapeno, tomatoes, cilantro, and garlic. Add 1 tablespoon of the reserved lime juice and tabasco to taste. Cover and chill, then serve or can be left at room temperature for an hour.

## FOR SALE

Used Gold Screw complete with pump. Call Frank at Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516.

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 its 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 anywhere 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, 6:00-9:00PM

See the treasurer and/or the secretary to review their respective reports from the previous month's meeting.

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