

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well here it is time for elections again. Up for election is the president's position and also the Treasurer's position. I don't even know what the nominating committee has in store for us. Like they say everything happens for a reason. We'll see what happens.

We had a good turnout for the Hauser Geode Beds. I did get to see some of the geodes still coming out of that area. We also had the Temecula Valley Prospectors with us on the outing. Never did hear if anyone stayed overnight.

A few of us did a Gold Rush Presentation for a school of one of our members. That went over great. We got a write up in the school newsletter. Thank you Michele, Jim, Robert, and Jerry. We all had fun.

We are doing a one day event this month. We will be going out to the GPAA Bautista Claim in Hemet. Maps are provided only for those who will be going. It is a GPAA claim so those of you who are GPAA members, bring your Membership Guide and Membership Card. This will be basically for new members who want to learn how to use various types of equipment and how to prospect and mine dry stream placers. The basic equipment needed will be your pans, picks, shovels, classifiers, buckets, panning tubs and panning water. This is snake country and so you will have to be aware of this along with where your friends and children are at all times.

A lot has been said and written about lately on prospecting in dry stream beds. This is what we will be learning about. Other equipment handy for this site is a dry washer, spiral wheel, and recirculator.

Well, you know where we will be on May first. We chartered the bus. It will leave the Escondido Transit Center at 0530..... That's early for most. We have to be in Rancho Cucamonga by 0800. We will bring our TSS Banner. We will make a brief stop in Temecula to pick some of the TVP members. I want to have a raffle or two along the way. It's only \$12.00 with the tip, for the round trip ride. You can't beat that price for the gas and someone else to drive. Now we have the opportunity to show support and help bring back our dredging rights. If you don't support this right, I don't want to hear any complaints. If you don't sign up, there will be no seats saved at the terminal.

We will talk of the Julian Gold Rush Days at our next meeting, but a brief mention here. We have been trying to get ourselves into this event for some years. With the help of some of our members, we are now in. It's a big yearly event. Something close to our organization, and something we can use to help support the Gold Prospectors Association of America. We have contacted the GPAA and we want to work with them for their memberships and ours as well. We will be setting up on Friday May 30 and the event runs Saturday May 31 and June 1st. There is a lot of events that they will be doing and I know we will be able to do them also. We will have free gold panning and metal detecting for kids and we will be selling items to help support our Treasure Seekers. No doubt there will be a lot going on up farther in Julian. Sign up for those days and help support us. We also have a school Gold Rush demonstration coming up on May 23 and we will be talking about that very soon. May your gold pan, thoughts and deeds be golden.

Sourdough Chet



Name: Gold **Symbol:** Au
Atomic Number: 79 **Atomic Mass:** 196.96655
Melting Point: 1064.43 °C **Boiling Point:** 2807.0 °C
Number of Protons/Electrons: 79 **Number of Neutrons:** 118
Crystal Structure: Cubic **Density @ 293 K:** 19.32 g/cm³
Color: Gold
Name Origin: From the Old English word *geolo* (yellow)
Symbol Origin: From the Latin word *aurum* (gold)

<http://news.msn.com/us/california-drought-spurs-mini-gold-rush-in-sierra>

Thank You

Thanks Jim Clannin for the talk on gem stone mining.

Last Month

We had 143 sign in to the General Meeting with 6 visitors and 5 new members.

Finds of the Month:

Metal Detecting – 1) Dwight Reed, 2) Michele Silva; Gems – 1) Kalina Catagirone, 2) Frank Hubert/Michele Silva
 Gold – 1) John Fergusson, 2) Jason Evans

Opportunity Drawings- Door prizes- John Howe and Linda Durbin

50/50 Drawing: Dave Grimshaw \$90.00

Gold Nuggets: Ray Klapka, John Hendricks, Steve McGovern, Micah Torres, Roz Laffoon

Grand Prize: Dave Grimshaw

Upcoming Events & Information

Please, be courteous to all, turn off your cell phones during the meeting.

Election of Officers: The election for President and Treasurer is coming up in April.

Speakers at the general meeting - Camp Pendleton's EOD (Explosive Ordinance Detail).

April Outing: April 19th (one day) – GPAA Bautista Placer Claim

Our website is undergoing some changes and Newsletter along with the prez message is not being published for a while...

Metal Detecting

March 9th outing at Pacific Beach:

We had 12 members attending for a perfect day of metal detecting at the beach. A total of \$15.41 was recovered from the sand. Two working cell phones were found and returned. A 10k gold ring and at least 2 other rings were found along with miscellaneous other jewelry. A purse was found with a credit card and driver's license.

Rich Hegyi \$2.60, 10k gold ring w/silver inlay, key, S4 cellphone (returned, no hug), girls purse with driver license, credit card, and 50 cents (hope to return), **Brian Kinnear** \$2.54, keys w/skull & cross, stainless steel ring, **John Howe** \$2.30, iPhone (returned for a hug), **Yoko** \$2.04, **John Troseth** \$1.60, Euro coin, earring, bracelet, **Michele Silva** \$1.40, gold ring (maybe not), earring, **Jerry Kaplan** \$0.80, credit card, some kind of hair clamp, **Jim Mears** \$0.80, **Big C** \$0.67, **Steve Brite** \$0.53, **Bob Cook** \$0.12, pearl ear stud and **Mary Flores** - \$0.01, barrette And the winner of the SKUNK (but she's a newbie)

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 June **Gold Magic Spiral Wheel**



<http://www.goldmagic.com/>

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

Easy SPAM-tastic Breakfast Skillet

1- 12 ounce can Classic SPAM, small diced / cubed
3-4 cups of frozen O'Brien potatoes (the ones that already have the peppers & onions mixed in)
1 cup (8 ounces) of Egg Beaters or about 4 large whole eggs, beaten
1/4 teaspoon of dried basil, optional
Tabasco Sauce to taste
Salt and Pepper to taste about 1/8 tsp each
Sharp Cheddar Cheese, shredded
2 TBS Vegetable oil or use Pam spray

In large nonstick skillet, cook potatoes, in oil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes. Add the diced classic SPAM and continue cooking about another 5 minutes, until heated thoroughly and browned.

In a small bowl combine the eggs beaters, basil, salt, pepper and hot sauce; mix well. Pour over the mixture in the skillet and cover. Cook over medium - low heat 8 to 10 minutes or until eggs are set. Sprinkle with cheese.



ALL I NEED TO LEARN ABOUT LIFE, I LEARNED FROM THE EASTER BUNNY

Don't put all your eggs in one basket
Walk softly and carry a big carrot
Everyone need a friend who is all ears
There's no such thing as too much chocolate candy
All work and no play can make you a basket case
A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare bad
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits
Some body parts should be floppy
Keep your paws off other people's jelly beans
The grass is greener in someone else's basket
An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare
To show your true colors you have to come out of the shell
Good things come in small sugar coated packages
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.

Happy Easter

FOR SALE

2004 2-door Jeep Rubicon 4X4 4 liter. 5 speed manual transmission. Silver in color. Extra rack and gas carrier on back. Mileage 68000. Asking \$18,000 or best offer.

Call Sharon 760-519-9899

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 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 - 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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