

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another full month of events in March. We went to the Bautista Claim and, at least, explored area within the dry streambed where gold may have settled when there was water present. Equipment used and demonstrated ranged from a 151 and puffer drywashers, spiral wheel, recirculator and two types of vacuums. Not much gold found but we all enjoyed each other's company and technique experience.

The court hearing was held this past month. What a great turnout of prospectors and miners. TSSD chartered a bus to go there and what an awesome trip. Three prospecting organizations participated in the bus ride. The Temecula Valley Prospectors, the Southwestern Prospectors and us the Treasure Seekers. We held a raffle on the bus trip and raised enough to cover bus seats not sold and additional funds to donate to the PLP. Thank you Michele, Brian, Jerry and all who made the raffle a success. As for the hearing, somewhere around 90-100 packed the courtroom in favor to resume dredging. Over 40 percent were from our bus trip. The lawyers from the California Fish and Wildlife acted as if all they wanted to do is prolong the stonewalling events even longer than the 2005 start of the dredging ban. The lawyers for PLP and the New 49'ers had 'all their ducks in a row' and had their game face on. They came with specific reasons why dredging should resume. The judge appeared to give more positive statements to the mining lawyers. The judge said that he would give a decision within two weeks. Thanks goes to the Klapka father and son, the organizations presidents and all those who helped to make the court presence a success. We all vowed to do it again if needed we have become a voice and banding together, we will be heard.

So many other events going on and coming up that you will just have to come the meetings to find out what's up.

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Last Month

Election of Officers: Jerry Kaplan acted as election official for the election. There were 60 votes for Chester and 27 for Klaus for the position of club president. Brian Kinear made the motion for Jerry Goldstein to remain as treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Houser Geode Beds: Despite the questionable weather, seven people showed up for the trip.

People Present: 143

Opportunity Drawings- Door prizes- Ron Gonsalves

50/50- Charlene Myers -- \$80.00

Gold Nuggets: Richard Coontz, Steve Brite, Bill Piper, Joseph Westerlund, Mary Flores

Upcoming Events & Information

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

May 17th – **Freedom Claim Outing** (Lee Darling)

Julian Gold Rush Days: May 31st and June 1st in Julian. TSS will have a booth and do demonstrations. Set-up is May 30th. There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly meeting.

If you metal detect and find gold or silver jewelry, don't miss this speaker for May 7th.

Our speaker of the month will be Tom and Natalie Mascari. They own a company that purchases gold, silver, and other precious metals items such as jewelry and silverware. Ever wonder how much the jewelry you find is worth if you sell it, or where the gold and silver goes after it is sold? The speaker will teach us how the gold and silver is processed after you sell your items. They will also let you know how to tell the real gold and silver from the fake.

Any member can bring in their gold and silver to the meeting and see what it is worth. Also if you wish, you can sell it there. They also set up events where you can come and sell your precious metals.

Camp Pendleton's EOD (Explosive Ordinance Detail) will be the speakers at the June general meeting.

It is HOT out there!!!

What Are the Symptoms of Heat-Related Illnesses?

<http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat/warning.html>

<http://www.webmd.com/first-aid/understanding-heat-related-illness-symptoms>

http://www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/ht_heatstroke.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heat_illness

Protect yourself - Protect your kids - Know what to do - Take lots of water

Metal Detecting

Here's the results of our April 6th outing at Mission Beach.

We've been lucky with another perfect weather day at the beach. We had 13 members and 1 visitor. This includes Jerry Goldstein who must have been on Chester-time as he showed up as the rest of us were finishing. I heard Robert Cook was also there, but I never saw him.

As a group we found 150 targets (coins + jewelry) for \$13.71 in change. Here are the results sorted by cash found:

John Howe \$3.02, Jerry Goldstein \$2.37 + flashlight + black tungsten carbide ring, Jerry Kaplan \$2.29 + 3 bottles of booze, Steve Brite \$1.74 + junk ring, Yoko \$1.25 + 3 junk rings, Gerry Steffler \$1.25, John & Mary Troseth \$0.48, Bill Lafoon \$0.46, Dan McGuigan \$0.26 + junk earring, Roz Lafoon \$0.25, Brian Winter \$0.21 + **PLATINUM RING!**, Mary Flores \$0.11 + car USB charger **AND THE WINNER OF THE SKUNK!** = Bill Vohs (visitor) \$0.02

The May 11th outing will be at Ocean Beach. It's Mother's Day, but the hunt is early morning so there's still time for brunch.

I'll be in Florida and miss the 5/7 meeting, but I should be able to get the reminders out from long-distance.

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

Basic Deviled Eggs

6 eggs, hard cooked and peeled (Recipe can easily be doubled or tripled)

1/4 cup mayonnaise or miracle whip dressing

1 teaspoon yellow mustard or Dijon mustard

3/4 teaspoon white wine vinegar

Pinch of salt

Fresh ground black pepper

Tabasco sauce to taste

Sweet pickle relish (optional)

Hungarian smoked paprika for garnish (optional)

Cut eggs in half lengthwise. Put the yolks in a small mixing bowl, arrange egg whites cut side up on a serving plate. Mash yolks with fork then stir in mayonnaise, mustard, and vinegar, if still too dry try adding a bit of pickle juice. Mash and stir all ingredients together well. Taste and add salt and pepper if desired. Spoon a little bit of the mixture into each egg white half, dividing mixture as evenly as possible between the eggs. Sprinkle eggs with paprika if desired. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve. Try other garnishes such as sliced olives, pimento strips and marinated mushrooms

Yield: 12 deviled eggs

Mixture may be piped into the eggs using a pastry bag instead of using a spoon. I always make my deviled eggs with Mayonnaise and just regular yellow mustard. If you don't have white wine vinegar, just use your favorite kind or whatever you have on hand. If you don't have smoked paprika, just use the regular kind. I suggest that after the first time you make these, don't bother with the recipe and just add things to taste like I normally do—it's more fun and then you don't have to clean the measuring cup and spoons!

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



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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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