

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, we had to cancel our May outing to the Freedom or Smokin claims. It was a bit hot but the most troublesome was the gusty winds of up to 40 mph. No use getting your autos sand blasted or blowing spark embers into your tents. We've seen that before. Tents have broken their supports with less wind than what was reported to occur.

We did our California Gold Rush event at Oak hill School. A bit different this year. We put all five classes into the auditorium, told them about the gold rush of 1849 with all the events and players of that time and then had them assemble one class at a time to pan for gold. They liked it better and it made it easier for us.

The word is out on what is going on about the court hearing and how the judge is going to handle the case. A great article was written in the GPAA's Pick and Shovel magazine. "Over 120 California gold miners packed the courtroom in May and 50 came from our chartered bus to the hearing. The judge asked the lawyers from both sides to come back in two weeks and see if they could come to terms acceptable to both sides. I guess that didn't work out so the Judge is going to have a closed court hearing on June 24. A really great article was written by Brad Jones for the Pick and Shovel. Read it to get the full scoop.

Our Julian Gold Rush event is going to be a blast. We have partnered up with the Julian Mining Company and we will have a lot of fun activities from our presentation and there will be a whole lot presented by the folks of the mining company. By the time you read this, we will have completed the event. Hope you all got to be there.

Del Mar Fair time is here and I haven't heard from the Gem and Mineral Booth as to if we will be able to volunteer in their gem booth this year. We got free passes to the Fair for volunteering. If you want to volunteer to get a free pass, you might try and get in touch with the Southwestern Prospectors and Miners Association (SPMA). I hear they have a whole bunch of vacant slot for their booth. Our June event is scheduled for the Warner Springs Gem Claim. A one day Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> outing. I don't know if there are any who would lead us to any possible gem hunts in that area, but, if not, we will hit the Indian Flats Campground. I wanted to camp overnight and cover the whole area by metal detecting.

Well, that's it for now. See you at the meetings, see you at the outings.

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# Last Month

**People Present:** 152

## **Finds of the Month:**

**Metal Detecting** - Brian Kinnear/Sharon Crnkovic; **Gems** - Bev Boudin/Dan McGuigan; **Gold** - John Ferguson/Jason Evans

**Opportunity Drawings** - Ray Klapka

**50/50**- John Troseth (per Board motion, dollar amount will no longer be posted in newsletter)

**Gold Nuggets:** Tony Bulis; Roger Nobel; Loren Murphy; John Troseth; Ronald Porio; Kim Graham

**TSS/SPMA** – Freedom Claim Outing – Lee Darling found 1/4 oz. of gold. Others came away with two pennyweight of gold.

Natalie Mascari from Gold Parties Plus spoke on buying and selling gold.

**Bautista Claim Outing** – Different methods of gold extraction and machinery were demonstrated. Not much gold was found. About 20 people showed up.

## Upcoming Events & Information

June 21<sup>st</sup> (One Day) – Warner Springs Gem Claim (Indian Flats Campground)

Lots of black tourmaline and some gold; all interesting. Chester likes detecting the campground.

Mike Mahr will be the speaker for June on dousing.

July 19th is the picnic at Dixon Lake. 6:00 a.m. set-up and a 9:00 a.m. start. Tickets will be sold at June Meeting.

Just in case you have an extra million or two to invest...

<http://consumerist.com/2014/05/27/treasure-trove-of-previously-buried-gold-coins-hit-the-auction-block-tonight/#more-10164505>

In 2008 China overtook South Africa as the world's largest gold producer, the first time since 1905 that South Africa has not been the largest.

According to some, there's enough gold in the Earth's crust to cover the entire land surface knee-deep. I'd like just my back yard covered and ankle deep would be fine. :)

Absolutely pure gold is so soft that it can be molded with the hands.

So is Silly-Putty. <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Silly-Putty>

Amid recession fears in March 2008, the price of gold topped \$1,000 an ounce for the first time in history.

Around 1200 B.C., the Egyptians used unshorn sheepskin to mine for gold dust from the sands of the Black Sea. This practice is most likely the inspiration for the "Golden Fleece."

The Greeks thought that gold was a dense combination of water and sunlight.

The world's largest stockpile of gold can be found five stories underground inside the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's vault and it holds 25% of the world's gold reserve (540,000 gold bars). While it contains more gold than Fort Knox, most of it belongs to foreign governments.

The first recorded gold ever discovered in the United States was a 17-pound nugget found in Cabarrus, North Carolina. When more gold was discovered in Little Meadow Creek, North Carolina, in 1803, the first U.S. gold rush began.

Europeans have been putting gold leaf in bottles of liquor for centuries, such as Danziger Goldwasser and Goldschlager.



Danziger Goldwasser (Polish: Gdańska wódka, "vodka of Gdańsk"), with Goldwasser as the registered tradename, is a strong (35% ABV) root and herbal liqueur which has been produced since at least 1598 in Danzig (Gdańsk). The most prominent characteristic of this alcoholic beverage is small flakes of 22 or 23 karat gold suspended in it



Goldschläger is a Swiss cinnamon schnapps (43.5% alcohol by volume or 87 proof; originally it was 53.5% alcohol or 107 proof),<sup>[1]</sup> a liqueur with very thin, yet visible flakes of gold floating in it. The actual amount of gold has been measured at approximately 13 mg in a 1-Litre bottle of Goldschläger.

# Metal Detecting

May 11, 2014 - Ocean Beach - A beautiful day at the beach, albeit no astounding treasures were found. We had 9 hunters for Mother's Day. 154 coins were found for a grand total of \$10.64.

Attendees sorted by cash found: Brian Kinnear 32 coins @ \$2.78 - pair of Monet earrings, John Howe 22 coins @ \$2.20, Dan McGuigan 30 coins @ \$1.94, Bob Adimari 17 coins @ \$1.70 - pair of sunglasses

Jerry Kaplan 32 coins @ \$1.29 - 2, 1 peso coins - bathroom token - junk chain, Becky Adimari 20 coins @ \$0.72 - diamond? ear stud.

And the winner of **THE SKUNK!** Bob & Terry Waldrip 1 coin @ \$0.01 (newbies), Jesse Ammon 0 coins @ \$0.00 - nice Gerber knife (newbie) (newbies get a pass the first time)

Time to try a north county beach. Given there's no surfing event, we'll try Oceanside Harbor at the jetty. - **John Howe**

I will be taking out the SPMA Club to La Jolla Shores June 22 at about 7a.m. Any Treasure Seekers Club member is welcome to join us. - **Frank M. Trutta**

## 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!**

**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

#### SPAM-a-lious Appetizer Bites

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons Apple Juice
- 1 12-ounce can Classic Spam, cut into 32 cubes
- 1/2 cup Honey Mustard
- 1/2 - 1 pound Smokey Bacon, (32 pieces to wrap spam bites)
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar

Heat oven to 400°F.

Partially cook bacon; drain on paper towel. Cut each slice bacon in half.

Wrap bacon around each cube SPAM; secure with wooden pick. In 13 x 9-inch baking dish, place SPAM bites.

In bowl, combine mustard, brown sugar and apple juice; mix well. Drizzle mustard mixture over bacon-wrapped SPAM bites. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until bacon is crisp.

**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 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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