

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

July, 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lots of things to say, lots of things going through my mind. I go to board and general meetings at a lot of different “clubs”. Maybe the best thing to say here is that I really like our organization and those who make it run so great. Great meaning that it is not perfect but there are a whole lot of members here that really try to make this one the best. We are all volunteers, so don’t criticize us without giving us a chance to make it right. Like the old saying goes, there is ten percent that does ninety percent of the jobs. All I can say is we got the best damn ten percent considering those other clubs I mentioned.

A lot went on this past month. Some of us were in the streams of the East Fork, some were up in the mountains, and some were in the desert. I got to help at the SPMA booth at the Del Mar Fair. That is always a lot of fun. The SPMA does a great job of panning instruction and club information giving. I’m looking forward to these types of events for us. I believe our next event will be the Oktoberfest at Bates Nut Farm. There must be some other events out there that you can think of and let us know about. There is where you become part of the ten percent.

We went to the Warner Springs Claim. The one that has the Cryo-Genie mine on it. Large portions of Tourmaline there. Maybe other gems as well. Had twenty on the list that showed up. A special thanks goes out to Marvin Foster and Bruce Quinn for leading the group to gem croppings. Me and some others stayed in the campground area to metal detect. All in all, it was so much fun that it should be deemed illegal.

We have our picnic this month. Always a lot of fun. You have to participate to have this fun. We will have our metal detecting contest with a twist. We will have our gold panning contest too. I’ve got a contest for the kids this time. Some may want to bring some of their equipment to demonstrate or even sell. This is your time to have fun and find friends. Starts around nine am and finishes when you get tired. Bring a side dish as usual. I like chocolate items and fruit salad.... Baked beans too.... We want you to show up if you sign up. The TSS puts out a lot of food for the no-shows.

Well, you have a copy of the calendar so you know what is going on. Hope to see you at the meetings and hope to see you at the outings. Speaking of outings, if you have some favorites that we have not gone to, then become one of our ten percent and share your suggestions.

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Thank You

Mike Mahr spoke on methods of dowsing for gold and other metals.

Last Month

People Present: 145

Finds of the Month: Metal Detecting – 1) Dan McGuigan, 2) Brian Kinnear; Gems – 1) Frank Huberts; Gold – 1) Frank Huberts, 2) Calvin Jackson

Opportunity Drawings- Door prizes- Frank Cowell

50/50- Clifford Randolph

Gold Nuggets: Kim Graham; Jack Stangl; Jeff Werk; Mary Troseth; Stephen Lodobissy; Tony Griffith

Grand Prize: Dave Gatley

Metal Detector Prize: David Hale

Julian Gold Rush had six people manning the booth on Saturday with members from Imperial Valley helping on Sunday. Gold panning and metal detecting were demonstrated on both days.

Upcoming Events & Information

Gary Eckert will be the **speaker** at the July 2nd meeting, speaking about

July's Picnic will be held July 19th at Dixon Lake in Escondido. There will be bean bag toss for the kids along with gold panning. The start time is 9:00 a.m. Demonstrations of metal detecting and panning will be held with a contest in each area. One person will handle the metal detectors and small metal tools. The cost is \$5/family. Sue Conner will be handling the sign-ups at the next meeting.

June 21st Outing: Warren Springs. A metal detecting and gold prospecting event will be held there. Participants are to meet at the Indian Flats Campground parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Bill Myers has volunteered to sell **Dowsing Rods** for TSS starting at the July meeting. They will be priced at \$25/members and \$30/nonmembers. There will be a limit of one to a family. One set will be offered in the drawing at the end of the meeting.

Tracey Snethens' reworked our club web site. It is much improved, less confusing, and very eye catching.

www.treasureseekersofsandiego.org

GPAA Membership Kits: Chester had a limited number of membership kits for GPAA on sale. Normally priced at around \$90, Chester was authorized to sell them at \$75/ea.

GPAA Renewal – Tell them you're with Treasure Seekers of San Diego - We get a, small, kick-back for our prizes.

Metal Detecting

June 8th, Oceanside Harbor - A great day at the beach. We had a total of nine hunters. A total of 154 coins for \$19.23 along with 2 silver rings and a stainless steel ring. Brian scored 5, \$1 coins in one spot! This of course doesn't count all the trash we pick up. That's just out job.

Brian Kinnear - 39 coins, \$8.56 (5 dollar coins in one spill), knife

Frank Trutta - 31 coins, \$4.20, stainless ring

Zee Trutta - 32 coins, \$3.01

John Howe - 23 coins, \$1.49, junk ring

Jack Stangl - 10 coins, \$1.19, 5 soccer pins

Dan Fry - 12 coins, \$0.58, 2 silver rings
Jerry Kaplan - 7 coins, \$0.20 and the winner of the **SKUNK**
Bob Adimari (left early)
Becky Adimari (left early)

The July outing is scheduled for the last day of the 4th of July holiday weekend. I'm not changing the date because this should be a **great** day for detecting! We'll be going to Mission Beach on **July 6th**. Just think... the last day of the biggest holiday weekend....zillions of people at the beach.....the zamboni probably won't be sweeping till Monday! I'll be there at the crack of dawn so I only have to compete with the night-hawks.

June 22nd Outing: Metal detecting at La Jolla Shores with Frank Tutta.

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/members & \$30/nonmembers. Limit of one to a family.

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 September



http://www.keeneeng.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Product_Code=KSCR&Category_Code=RE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVLTt7oJtdc>

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

Pineapple Orange Trifle

Ingredients:

1 can (14 ounces) pineapple tidbits
2 cups cold 2% milk
2 packages (3.4 ounces each) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained
1 prepared angel food cake (8 to 10 ounces), cut into 1-inch cubes
1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping (Cool whip), thawed
1/2 teaspoon orange extract
1/3 cup flaked coconut, toasted
1- 2 Bananas, (Optional)

Directions:

Drain pineapple, reserving 2/3 cup juice; set pineapple aside. In a large bowl, whisk the milk, pineapple juice and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Whisk in sour cream; fold in oranges and pineapple. Place a third of the cake cubes in a 3-qt. trifle bowl (clear bowl); top with a third of the pudding mixture. Repeat layers twice. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours. Combine whipped topping and extract; spread over the top. Sprinkle with coconut. If you like bananas add into each layer. Yield: 12 servings
I've made a similar trifle using strawberries and raspberries with Jello instead of pudding.

FOR SALE

From Warren Pape - 760-432-9961 or cell 760-715-7118

1. Fisher Goldbug Metal Detector
Excellent condition, 2 size coils & Head phones.
\$250.00
2. Complete High Banker.
Good condition, good pump, 100Ft. hose.
\$250.00
3. Small circulating cleaning sluice with small pump
4" x 28" Make offer.
4. New sluice. 6" x 24" Make offer.
5. Miner's hand pick, plastic & copper gold pans, bucket classifiers
Snuffer bottles. Make offer.

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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