

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well if anyone has been doing any outdoor activities other than barbequing, it's probably been beach metal detecting. Much too hot for anything else. We did have a great picnic again this year. We had twice as many in the metal detecting hunt. Jerry Goldstein set up a larger area and tossed a lot of coins in the tall grass. Thanks you Jerry for doing a great job as you always do. Also, thanks goes to Ron G., Sue C., and Ray W. for securing our better area and cooking a great barbeque. Next year, remember to bring your own headphones and you have to pick up your own coins. This month we have scheduled a one day event for beach metal detecting. It will be on August 17 and probably at Bonita Cove. Lots of possibilities with that. Maybe come early and barbeque, maybe a coin hunt or two. Who knows? Bring some ideas to the general meeting.

American Prospectors and Treasure Seekers have some great outings scheduled in August. On the 13th, they'll be sluicing on the San Gabriel River. The 17, they will be metal detecting at Brindal Terrace Park in Vista, and on the 27th, they'll be drywashing in Big Bear. If you can do all those events and ours, you are more active that I can hang with. You can find all the other important information on their website www.aptsgold.com

September could be two outings. One day each. I have asked Dain if we could go up on his claim in the Julian, Banner Grade area. It may be too overgrown with vegetation. The other outing is for a one day gem and mineral hunt at the Stewart Mine, Gems of Pala. Jerry, Robert and I have already talked to Blue Sheppard and set up possible days and times. What we have set down so far is Sundays, September 7, 14, or 21. He normally opens at 10:00 AM. We have asked if we could come at 9:00 AM and beat the crowd. This is OK with him. The price per 3 gallon bucket is \$20.00 and you can either work it there or take home or both. Bring a chair and lunch and have fun.

Don't forget the PLP Oktoberfest coming up October 18-19. Saturday night barbeque included. Bring firewood and a side dish. Bring a tent or RV or motel camp in Ridgecrest. All your friends will be there so you might as well be there too. I know I forgot a lot of stuff, so remind me at our meeting. See you there. Sourdough Chet

Moving on...

I am relinquishing the position of Editor for the Newsletter.

It's been about three and a half good years and time for somebody new to give their perspective.

The position is open to the next person who has the desire to take a primary role of communication in this fine association. You are a guide. It is, mostly, a rewarding job. It is as creative as you want to make it. And you learn much more than you can ever share. The problem is never what to put in, it is what you have to leave out.

What will I do with all my spare time? I'll keep learning.

My son, Nick, and his wife just moved into their first house. As a retired construction consultant, I go over and get dirty helping them make it a better place for them and someday their children.

I'm going to a family reunion in Colorado Springs come September. Sharing quality time with my mom and siblings in the Rockies and hope to catch a couple wily trout on the end of a fly line.

I will soon be a NRA certified instructor for handguns, rifles and shotguns. I work with Boy Scouts to assist them earning merit badges at our gun club.

God bless, good luck and lots of gold to all of you.

Sincerely, Michael Michalski - Editor - [Finders Keepers](#)

P.S. The neatest factoid I learned?

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

Maybe they were right; with a little Quantum Mechanics thrown in for good measure.

P.P.S. Thank you to all the people that helped make this a success with their input and efforts.

Thank You

Gary Eckert was the speaker at the July meeting, about sluicing.

July's picnic - all the people that made it a success with their time, resources, smiles and work.

Thank-you from Oak Hill School to us: Chester received a small book with thank-you letters from the students at Oak Hill School. The demonstration was very much enjoyed by the kids.

Last Month

People Present: 138

Finds of the Month: Metal Detecting – 1) Dan McGuigan, 2) Linda Durbin; Gems – 1) Bruce Quinn, 2) Frank Huberts; Gold – 1) John Ferguson, 2) Jason Evans

Opportunity Drawings- Door prizes- Kent Cibas

50/50- Michelle Silva

Gold Nuggets: John Howe; Randy Oylar; Jerald Steffler; Rod Regan; John Troseth; Jesse Ammon

Upcoming Events & Information

See Chester's message for the outings planned for August. It was too hot for us to plan a regular outing. Follow John and Frank to the beach for some Metal Detecting. I hear they give free samples.

General Meeting will have a general Q/A session instead of a guest speaker.

PLP October's Oktoberfest fund raiser will be at the Sleepy Bear Mine in Randsburg, CA.

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

Road Closures - Stanislaus National Forest

<http://americanminingrights.com/update-on-the-road-closures-gates-and-boulders-in-california/>

BLM closing access to thousands of miners and their claims but giving 'Special' access to the Sierra Fund and rafters.

If you read this closely, it should give you some hope and 'piss' you off.

Stanislaus National Forest Supervisor Susan Skalski is retiring.

<http://americanminingrights.com/>

Also, a very fine article in ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal, this past month.

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

My favorite magazine about our passion. Try their FREE online sample issue.

And another call to arms for States rights:

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/07/05/panning-in-protest-activists-illegally-mine-for-gold-in-defiance-epa-regs/>



<http://www.freep.com/article/20140717/NEWS07/307170185/ss-central-america-shipwreck-gold>



I like this tool. I can see infinite uses for it out on a dig. BTW, the lift capacity for the rock sling is 80#.

http://www.ebay.com/itm/WG050-Worx-AeroCart-The-Ultimate-8-in-Multi-Function-Yard-Cart-/281363639028?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_o&hash=item4182946af4
<https://www.worx.com/en-US/Aerocart.aspx>

It is in the price range of a Quarterly Grand Prize. Hint!

Metal Detecting

Well it seems like most of what I told you about detecting the 4th weekend was wrong! You probably didn't have to be there really early, because the parking lot was just about empty when I got there about 5:30 and the Zamboni that normally sweeps on Mondays was already hard at work when I got there.

We had 12 attendees, 11 hunting. The total for the detectorists was 288 coins, \$32.60. So it was a pretty good hunt even though most of us hunted after the Zamboni had swept the beach. Yoko used her head and hunted AHEAD of the Zamboni and you can see her results compared to the rest of the field! In all the years I've been going to these hunts, I don't think anyone has found that much cash. I personally haven't broken the \$10 ceiling, not counting the \$20 bill I found in the surf.

Here is the summary, sorted by cash found: Yoko 123 coins/\$11.54, necklace, junk rings, John Howe 48 coins/\$6.26, junk toe ring, Rich Heygi 17 coins/\$1.98, skeleton key necklace, 5 toy cars, Chris Humphries 30 coins/\$3.00, Trish Heygi 23 coins/\$2.30, Jerry Kaplan 20 coins/\$2.18, wallet w/cash & ID. He turned it in with Lifeguards, Mark Rahaal 8 coins/\$2.00, Jack Stangle 19 coins/\$1.53, Andy LaBerge 12 coins/\$1.16, Ron Porio 6 coins/\$0.65, Bob Adimari 15 coins/\$0.35, rosary and the winner of the **SKUNK-OF-THE-MONTH** - Chris VonOlnauson watching & learning

The August hunt will be at South-South Mission Beach (at the river); where all the volleyball courts are. - **John Howe**

Searching the Beaches . . .

On August 24th I will be going to La Jolla Shores beach with SPMA. Anyone from the Treasure Seekers is welcome to come. Come early while the tide is out a little. We will meet at 10:00 am to see what was found. Should you have any questions call me on my cell phone 760 291-7900. Hunt Smart. - **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/members & \$30/nonmembers. Limit of one to a family.

Treasure Seekers Pins & Decals

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$10.00/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

Vanilla is the # 1 choice of ice cream flavors

Basic Ice Cream Sandwiches

2 Large hard cookies, like Mother's chocolate chip, sugar, macaroon &/or oat meal

1 large Scoop of your favorite flavor ice cream, softened but not melted

sprinkles, mini chips, chopped nuts

Use 2 cookies, (one for the bottom and one for the top)

Place 1 large scoop of ice cream on the bottom cookie, then place the second cookie on top, slightly push cookies together as to not break the cookies. Ice cream should make its way out to the sides. Dip the side of the ice cream in mini chips, sprinkles, or chopped nuts. Place ice cream cookies on a cookie sheet and put ice cream cookies back in the freeze for at least 1 hour or more.

Now they're ready to eat. Kids love to make their own.

FOR SALE



2007 Chevy Silverado LT - Low Mileage- 60,000 mi!

LOADED and in PERFECT condition - V-8 4WD bed liner tow package more...

Book value \$17,000 but will consider all offers from serious buyers.

Call Anita at (858)342-7560

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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