

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message

Members going all over the place this past month. Some up on the East Fork, some at the beaches, some at Lytle Creek and some at the Stewart Mine. The Treasure Seekers are a great bunch of members enjoying the camaraderie of each other and doing their part in teaching us all how to metal detect, prospect and to identify various gems and minerals.

Our outing to the Sheppard Mine was a hit. Over 30 members showed up to hunt for gemstones. Blue Sheppard gave us a talk about the mine and minerals located within the valley and adjacent areas. Most everyone found some interesting specimens. Some may end up in the Finds of the Month trays at our next meeting.

Our event at the Meninigi Winery was more than just a visit to various wine vendors and booths hawking jewelry. Families also came with their children. Many of the families thanked us for having something for their kids to enjoy. We were the main attraction for kids. This also got us visibility as to a family organization focusing on education of adults and children. We had plenty of volunteers which was a blessing because there were plenty of kids who wanted to pan and metal detect. We even had one child who came back again and again to help with the younger kids. Ernie and Steve came up from the Imperial Valley to help. Thank you all for making this another success. And to top it off, we had the pleasure of showing children how to pan for gold and metal detect for coins and other hidden treasures.

There are many other events up in Julian that the Julian Chamber of Commerce would like us to participate in, but this is a bit far for two day events. Setting up on a Friday makes it three days. Does anyone have any suggestions on where we may stay overnight so as to save on transportation costs???

Well, we got a lot going on in October too. Some will be up on the East Fork, some will be at Big Bear, and some will be at the Sleepy Bear Oktoberfest. Our Treasure Seekers outing to the Hall Of Fame is still on too. There was some commotion about us having our outing on the same time that Sleepy Bear was having theirs. Not everyone is going to Sleepy Bear and there are some who want to go to the Hall Of Fame.

The way things are going with the Treasure Seekers, we could hold an educational outing or event every weekend and we would get many of our members wanting to participate. That's what we are. An educational, family friendly bunch of people interested helping and playing with one another.

We also got the Bates Nut Farm event the last weekend of September. Won't be able to let you in on the success of this until next month. Lots of shade, plenty room to spread out and lots of families to spread the cheer to and let them know how great is the organization called the Treasure Seekers of San Diego County.

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Well, that's it for now. Enjoy every day, be happy and may your pan be filled with gold, your tray be filled with beautiful gemstones, or your scoop filled with coins and other jewelry. And may your health be so that you can get up and enjoy these events.

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Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

Mission Beach on September 21st was actually pretty good. There was no low tide so we had to hunt up on the dry sand; I would rather hunt on low tide out in the hard packed sand. We were the only ones detecting. I came up with \$6.89, three junk rings and a small Sterling Silver heart off a charm bracelet, my wife, Zee had \$4.65 and a junk ring and Tom Alaniz a new customer of mine found \$2.54. The ring my wife found and one of mine were a pair of interlocking rings. I found one about fifty feet from her.

Next hunt will be at La Jolla Shores Beach at about 7:00 a.m. on the 26th of October. Any questions call me on my cell phone 760 291-7900

Hunt Smart!

Results from 9/7/14 Metal Detecting outing @ Coronado Beach:

It was a beautiful day at the beach except for the detecting. Targets were scarce. We had 16 members attending, 14 detecting. In total we found 180 coins for \$14.57 including 1 silver dime. For jewelry, we found 1 silver ring and a few junk pieces.

Rich Heygi 49 coins @ \$3.65, flashlight, designer sunglasses, junk necklace

Dan McGuigan 31 coins @ \$2.98, Moldavian coin

Guy Anastasia 19 coins @ \$1.64, Silver Merc dime, 2 wheaties

John Howe 11 coins @ \$1.24, silver ring

Brian Winter 10 coins @ \$1.00, earring, nail clipper

Bob & Terri Waldrip 9 coins @ \$0.99

John & Mary Troseth 17 coins @ \$0.95

Bob Adimari 13 coins @ \$0.63

Cliff Vaughn 2 coins @ \$0.35

Jerry Steffler 6 coins @ \$0.31, token

Jerry Kaplan 6 coins @ \$0.31

Becky Adimari 4 coins @ \$0.22

Roz Laffoon 2 coins @ \$0.02

Bill Laffoon 1 coin @ \$0.01, junk toe ring, 4-H pin and the winner of the Skunk-of-the-Month

Randy Hegyi didn't hunt. Waiting for low tide

The next hunt will be at Mission Beach on Oct. 5th. Details will follow.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Big “C” (Charlie Freeman) for his outstanding information on TSSD’s Hall of Fame Claim.

To Ray Klapka for his outstanding information regarding his battery operated recirculating highbanker and the necessary permits.

To Earnest Nelson, Joe Rodriques. Mary Ellen and Steve Rebik, Robert Cook, Jerry Goldstein, Mary and John Trsoeth, Brent Storlie, John Howe, Brian Winter, Michelle Silva and Chester Nowicki for all the help and hard work at Menghini Winery “Julian Grape Stomp Fiesta” event.

To Sharon Crnkovic for all her dedication in producing TSSD’s Claim Guides.

To Guy Winston and Steve Thacker for offering their assistance and knowledge to the Claims Committee.

To Steve Thacker for all his efforts manning the Finds of the Month table and keeping track of the votes.

To each and every volunteer that it takes to run a meeting and all the behind the scene actions. You are appreciated.

September Meeting Summary:

148 people in attendance.

Door Prize Winner – Janice Davies

50/50 Drawing – John Howe

Finds of the Month:

Metal Detecting – John Davis and Virginia West

Gems – Joe Corriher

Gold – Ray Klapka

Gold Nuggets – John Howe, Rod Regan, Michele Silva, Bernard Tinnant, Bruce Hofer and Tom Loftus

Metal Detector Drawing – Darren McKinney

September’s Quarterly Prize – Keen Super Concentrator – Al Trevisan

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

No eye of newt or hair of toad in this recipe-

Good ole' Sloppy Mess

1 pound lean ground beef or turkey
1/4 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped bell peppers, optional
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
3 teaspoons brown sugar
3/4 cup ketchup
Dash of Tabasco sauce
Salt and pepper to taste

Use banana pepper rings for eyes, sliced red peppers for a mouth

Directions:

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion, and green pepper; drain off liquids. Stir in the garlic powder, mustard, ketchup, Tabasco and brown sugar; mix thoroughly. Reduce heat, and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Serve on warm buns

Calendar Time:

It is time to plan next year's TSSD calendar!

Please go see Mary Troseth (next to the Library) and write your suggestion(s) down as to where you would like to go next year.

The board is always interested in its members input. So if you have ideas for a 1 or 2 day outing we would love to hear from you.

Finds of the Month:

3 categories to enter: Gold, Gems and Minerals, Metal Detecting Finds

Bring in your best finds from last month. Remember, it is **quality**, not quantity.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in all 3 categories.

Octobers Guest Speaker:

Patrick Ball, Director of Education Training for GIA (Gemological Institute of America) at 5345 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, CA.

GIA website: <http://www.gia.edu/gia-about>

Hall of Fame Outing:

Saturday and Sunday, October 18th and 19th, TSSD will hold its monthly outing to TSSD's Hall of Fame Claim.

Directions: Take Hwy. 1-15 to I-10 East to the Cottonwood Springs & Mecca Road Exit (this is approximately 50 miles east of Palm Springs). Go North on Cottonwood Springs road. The rest of the directions are in your claims guide.

This claim is located in a very remote area. It is recommended for tent or vehicle camping. Trailers or RVs are NOT recommended. The last 20 miles to the claim can be very rocky or washed out, depending on the rain for the season. A high clearance vehicle is suggested and, at times, a 4x4 might be needed.

There is NO services, NO water, NO nothing in the area. The nearest help and water is at the Cottonwood Springs Ranger Station and Campground, which you pass 6 miles north of I-10.

The last fuel and ice stop before this claim is at the Chiraco Summit located on I-10. It has a Chevron gas station, café and gift shop, Foster Freeze. The exit for Chiraco Summit is #173.

You will need enough fuel to get in and out of the claim. So plan ahead.

Hall of Fame claim is a 20 acre claim. TSSD has 2 other claims in the area: Golden View and West Channel.

Fine gold to nice nuggets have been found here. Good for drywashing, metal detecting and dowsing. Gold seems to be no more than 3 feet deep.

Remember to dismantle your metal detector while traveling through Joshua Tree National Park.

The area has many abandon mines and trails. Be safe.

"A mine is a hole in the ground, owned by a liar". - Mark Twain

Supporting the Chapter:

Dowsing Rods - \$25.00 for members/ \$30.00 for non-members. Limit one per family.

“The Desert Magazine” on Disk – 1937 to 1983 - \$5.00 for the set. Limit two per family.

Treasure Seekers Pins & Decals - \$6.00 each

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 bags available for purchase (with limits).

Claims Guides - \$20.00 with your TSSD membership card.

Opportunity Drawings:

Door Prize – taken off the meeting sign in sheet

50/50 Split Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing

Raffle Table Drawing

See Jerry Goldstein for your winning tickets!

TSSD does not 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 and free.

Yet TSSD still has to pay rent, pay the mining claim fees, pay the storage bill for the equipment for you to use, gold and raffle item costs, printing fees and numerous other monthly costs.

Please support “your” club!

Participate!

Buy some tickets!

Win!

A special ‘ticket’ is given to you for every \$20.00 spent at a meeting. This ticket is for a “Super Prize” that will be drawn at the February 2015 meeting.

December’s Drawing for the “Quarterly Prize”:

3 Beautiful Gold Nuggets weighing 96.5 Grains or 6.22 Grams



Application/Report of Waste Discharge General Information Form for Waste Discharge Requirements or NPDES Permit Form 200

At last month's meeting Ray Klapka talked briefly on finding a way to use a battery operated recirculating highbanker and how he did it with a Form 200 from the State of California, Regional Water Quality Control Board http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/publications_forms/forms/docs/form200.pdf

In brief, Ray's cover letter he writes:

Upon contacting Mr. W. Dale Harvey at धारवेय@waterboards.ca.gov he was advised that he would need to file Form 200 in order to obtain a permit so that he could highbank on his mining claim. The instructions on Form 200 suggested that he contact the RWQCB. He contacted Alex Mushegan at 559-445-5116 about questions on the application. The form appears to address brick and mortar structures and not placer mining claims. However, as a result of that conversation, Ray filled out Form 200 and he did not include the fee as recommended in the instructions and discussed with Mr. Mushegan.

The other required information attachment that Ray wrote:

The mining equipment to be used is a battery operated recirculating highbanker. The recirculating water capacity is approximately 100 gallons. The reservoir water will be pumped from the river which runs through the mining claim. The water flow through the highbanker will be about 3500 gallons/hour. Material being processed will be riverbank alluvium in its natural state. The alluvium will be excavated, classified, washed and processed. Material larger than 3/8 inch will be put aside to be used to refill the excavation. Material small than 3/8 inch will pass through the sluice in order to extract heavy elements such as gold and black sands. Other material, passing through the sluice will be trapped in the recirculation reservoir system.

After the mining operating period, the recirculating water and sand and gravel will be separated. The water pumped away from the river and allowed to absorb into the ground using an auxiliary excavation. The sand and gravel will be put aside to refill the excavation after further processing.

The major advantage of a recirculating highbanker is water use. Assuming our longest operating period of four hours and not using recirculating, wash water at 3500 g/h would mean trying to absorb 14000 gallons into the ground. By recirculating, and having an auxiliary excavation of only 3x3x2 feet, 100 gallons can be absorbed with no chance of runoff back to the river. Under these circumstances, the recirculating highbanker may be the most environmentally acceptable and safe mining method to use.



Outings and Events:

October 1st – Wednesday:

TSSD General Meeting @ 210 Park Ave., Escondido
6:30pm

October 5th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with John Howe
Mission Beach
7:00am'ish
10:00 am meet up to share finds

October 18th and 19th – Saturday and Sunday:

TSSD's Hall of Fame claim

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P.L.P. Fundraiser
Sleepy Bear Mining

October 26th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
La Jolla Shores
7am

October 31st – Friday:

Halloween

November 5th – Wednesday:

TSSD General Meeting @ 210 Park Ave., Escondido
6:30pm

October 2014						
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CLASSIFIEDS:**For Sale:**

Older **Keene 151 dry washer** with hose and motor
asking \$875.00
Gene Lepper 909.208.4307
Call anytime before 8 PM

For Sale:

Minelab Eureka Gold Metal Detector – the only gold detector with 3 frequencies.
Includes: 10 x 5 inch Gold Search Double D search coil, 110v Wall Charger, Alkaline Battery Pack, Ni-MH Rechargeable Battery System, in box with Instruction Manual. Serial Number for detector #2370, coil #25049. Retail selling price: \$1,049 plus tax
Selling for \$750.00 serious inquiries only:
Charlene Myers 760.439.8521
Call anytime before 8 PM

For Sale:**Homemade Drywasher – battery operated.**

Stands 41 ½ inches tall
33 ½ inches in length
13 inches in width
Cloth is good – machine works
Paid \$65.00 – Asking \$65.00
Charlene Myers 760.439.8521
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OCTOBERFEST
P.L.P. Fundraiser Event
Saturday and Sunday, October 18th & 19th, 2014
Location: Sleepy Bear Mining
21 Goler Road, Randsburg, CA 93554

We welcome outdoor enthusiasts of all types to join in for this event, gold prospectors, metal detecting, off-roading, dirt biking- camping and other outdoor activities. All ages welcome, you DO NOT have to be a member of any club or organization to join.

**** NO SHOOTING WILL BE ALLOWED ****

BBQ/Raffle/Campfire/Live Entertainment: Saturday night

Donation:

Ages 18 & Over: \$30.00 per person

Ages 17 & Under: \$6.00 donation if participating in Saturday night BBQ

****PLEASE NOTE**** *All participants MUST comply with BLM regulations.*

Your donation will include

* 2 days of prospecting (Saturday & Sunday)

* Saturday night BBQ (**each family/group please bring one side dish and desert to share**)

* Group campfire Saturday night (bring your s'mores!)

Please bring your own chairs for the BBQ & campfire

* Live entertainment @ Saturday nights events

* 12 raffle tickets to the 2015 PLP raffle

* Educational Seminars (Saturday around noon)

(Land Reclamation/California Mining History/Southern California Mining & Mineral History)

RSVP: Please RSVP for this event by September 22, 2014 to give enough preparation for ordering food & other necessities.

See Sue or Jim Jeffery at the meeting or visit their store at www.aptsgold.com for more details.

Or visit PLP website:

<http://plp1.org/>

This event is attended AT YOUR OWN RISK. You must be in good health and physically able to participate, we are not responsible for injuries, vehicle or equipment liabilities. Sleepy Bear, American Prospector Treasure Seeker and/or the PLP are not responsible for injuries, illness and/or loss of or damaged equipment/vehicle.

Sleepy Bear reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone. BLM land policies and rules must be followed by all participants.

TSSD Equipment for Member's Use:

- 2 Sluice Boxes – 3 feet long
- 1 Sluice Box – 4 feet long
- 1 Mini Recirculating 9 inch sluice with pump, 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

TSSD has equipment that it loans to its members. All we ask is that anything that is checked out is returned in the same or better condition than when it was borrowed. It is understandable that with the nature of our hobby, 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 missing or broken parts. Further details of the equipment check out policy is on the form which you will sign when receiving the item.

Earl Sterrett, 858-922-4547, will be able to assist you with the equipment checkout. He asks that you give him a couple of days' notice when you might need something, and when items are returned that they are CLEAN. All equipment must be returned by the meeting following when it was checked out. Equipment is located at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido.

Books By Blakey:

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| Basement Chemistry for Prospectors | Lost Arch Gold Mine |
| Peg Leg's Lost Gold | Randsburg Gold |
| Twenty-nine Palms Gold | Yuma Gold |
| Duke's Short Course in Prospecting and Mineral Identification | |

Are books that Blakey Sanford, a TSSD member, has bound compiled and re-printed articles from the old magazine articles of the 20's to the 50's and later, they are first hand accounts of what it was like when there were real prospectors and adventurers. There is nothing being printed today that compares to these old articles. Whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article. Books are \$20.00 each or 3 books for \$50.00. Available at the meetings or at Columbia Metal Detectors, 760 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA.

TSSD Library:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for its members' usage. Librarian, Roz Laffoon, will gladly assist you in checking out books, magazines, VHS/DVD's that show you gold locations and history, treasure hunting, maps and knowledge of what to look for. Anything that is related to gold, gems and treasure hunting is available.

TSSD Membership:

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual dues. All that is asked is that you attend meetings, participate and support the group through its opportunity drawings and events. To maintain membership, you **MUST** attend one meeting every four months.

- 1st meeting: Complete and turn in a membership application.
- 2nd meeting: You will be given your TSSD membership card.
- 3rd meeting: You will be able to purchase a TSSD Claims Guide with proof of your membership card.

TSSD Claims Guides:

TSSD Claims Guides are available for purchase for \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars).

Inside each guide you will find:

1. List of Officers
2. Current year calendar of events
3. Claim Rules and Regulations
4. Chapter Support and Claims Etiquette
5. Equipment for members to check out and use
6. Claim do's and don'ts
7. What to expect at an TSSD outing
8. Using Dowsing Rods
9. Detailed maps and information pertaining to the 15 claims of TSSD.
10. And several pages of useful information pertaining to mining and detecting.

Claims Assessment Work Form:

Each and every time you are at one of TSSD's claims, you should be completing a Claims Assessment Work Form (located in the front of the claims guides, or at the meetings from the Claims Guide Seller). This form needs to be turned into Robert Cook, TSSD Claims Manager, at the meetings or e-mailing it to him at: rmjcc@cox.net or surface mail to: 1941 Rockhoff Road, Escondido, CA 92026-1113.

Needed information required: Claim used, Members name, Date used, Total people prospecting and time on the claim, Type of work done (clean up, maintain, filling in holes, etc.), Members signature, Claims access, Vehicle access, Claim Markers, Claims Guide Directions, Type of equipment used, Type of gold found.

It sounds like a lot, but it really is not. This information is needed to prove that our claims are being worked. If BLM questions us as to the use of our claims or wants to close one of our areas to prospecting we want to be able to produce records that show that our claims are being used.

G.P.A.A.:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego is a chapter of G.P.A.A.. This does not require you to become a member of G.P.A.A. but if you are, please advise them that you are also a member of TSSD, so that we are eligible for 'points' from your membership. TSSD uses those 'points' to obtain opportunity raffle items.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County Mission Statement

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County (T.S.S.D.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a G.P.A.A. chapter. Non G.P.A.A. members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on the claims committee, or utilize G.P.A.A. 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 (formerly Joslyn Senior Center)
210 Park Avenue, Escondido CA
On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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