

# FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

## Presidents Message

I read a new pamphlet from the BLM today. I didn't see the copyright date on it so I don't know when it was introduced to the public. It's called "Casual Use Mining Guidelines in the Barstow Resource Area. Not San Bernardino, not Riverside, Imperial or San Diego areas. Just Barstow. Right away, I got a negative vibe that all other counties with BLM, can define mining any which way they want to. They define "casual use" as "activities resulting in only negligible disturbance of the Federal Lands and resources." Now they mention the Federal Government. Some of the information reads like information we have been emphasizing all these years like filling your holes at the end of your stay. Of ramping holes in case animals fall into it. They do say that "casual use does not include mechanized earth movers or explosives or use of motorized vehicles going into areas closed to off-road vehicles. I do take offence to the BLM saying that we are casual use, recreational miners. You may not agree with everything, but a copy in your pocket may be arguing factor if met with a ranger or BLM official.

It looked like everything was going good in the Rinehart case. Looked like we were a step closer to dredging soon. The court ruled in favor of Brandon Rinehart and the opinion is to be published. But wait.... The Center for Biological Diversity has petitioned the Third Court of Appeal on October 17, to modify their opinion. The CBD claim that this river is a navigable waterway and these waters belong to the state and not the fed. gov. therefore, preemption should not apply. The drama goes on and can be fully read and understood if you read the article in the California Mining Journal. The CBD states that this has not been argued before. Rinehart's attorney reminded them that this point was brought up in the beginning and this "navigable waterway" is not more than a tiny stream cluttered with enormous boulders.

There is a Bill introduced to repeal the 1872 mining laws. I'm just reading it, but a bill was introduced in July to change the wording on a law that was passed by Ulysses Grant. Originally intended to spur the nation's westward expansion. The new Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act would:

1. Charge a royalty on minerals extracted from public lands.
2. Allow mining to be balanced with other uses of public lands.
3. Protect our clean water by prohibiting mines that generate water pollution.
4. End public land giveaways.

Keep your eyes and ears open to see where this Bill goes.

You know that there was a PLP fundraiser this past month. The Sleepy Bear Mining association and the American Prospector and Treasure Seekers put on a big event. I haven't heard or read any of the results yet but I have seen a lot of pictures that came from the event. At the same time, we had an outing at the Hall of Fame claim. No pictures but I did hear that there was 17 who attended, road is not bad and gold was found.

Two of our members were involved in an accident this past month. It was a rollover with serious injuries to Virginia West. If you are prone to, please send good thoughts and prayers to Virginia and Don.

I went to the GPAA office to talk to them about us and the Temecula Valley Prospectors hosting a GPAA Gold Show in Pomona. Evidently, the "hosting chapter" can make some serious dough for their chapter. It was said by GPAA that no longer would there be only one chapter involved in the hosting. I found out

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that most of the local SOCAL chapters have all ready hosted. It's time for TSS and TVP to have a try. Anyway, I didn't come from the meeting with a "warm fuzzy" but we won't do it unless it is in our favor. Did you read about the monster gold nugget, also called the Butte Nugget found? Weighed in at 6.07 pounds or 75 troy ounces. It was found in July of this year in the mountains of Butte County, CA. It was reported that it was found on public land too. The news that I got was that the finder wants to remain anonymous and that the nugget was already sold for around \$400,000.00. Lot of zeros, isn't it... OK, that's it. I have probably forgot a lot of things to talk about but I know you will remind me at the meetings. We have a great speaker(s) this month. We have the November outing at the Cargos and the Christmas party close by and then the year is gone again. Please stay safe and have lots of fun in the outdoors. Use it before we lose it....

Sourdough Chet

## Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The weather at La Jolla Shores was a perfect overcast morning for metal detecting. I spent my time working the surf area even though the tide was coming in. I could not find any jewelry out there other than a locket made out of plated copper. I did manage to come up with \$2.95 in change.

My wife Zee worked the dry sand area and did better on coins than me finding \$4.49 in change a junk belly button jewelry piece and a pretty hair clip.

Nothing to brag about but the number of coins found was good for the Shores.

A couple of my new customers came. Tom Alaniz came up with a little over \$2.00 and Charles King on his first time out found about \$1.00. Also Dave Grimshaw and Jim Sullivan from Treasure Seekers were there.

For the November 23<sup>rd</sup> outing we will try Pacific Beach south of the pier at 2:00 pm since the low tide that day is in the afternoon at 3:52 pm with the tide being -0.8.

Any questions, call me on my cell phone 760-291-7900.

Hunt smart

## Results from 10/05/2014 Metal Detecting outing @ Mission Beach:

By John Howe

Nothing to report. I was detecting across the street @ Bonita Cove and didn't get any report from other members who might have been at Mission Beach. The Tri-Athalon might have dissuaded a few. My personal results, if anyone's interested, was over 300 coins, 7 tokens and about \$20.

So for the November 9th club hunt, how bout we try Mission Beach again.

John

**Thank you – You Make a Difference!**

To Patrick Ball, formerly of GIA for his outstanding lecture on gems. (Please see below for his complete bio)

To Chester Nowicki, Michele Silva, John and Mary Troseth, Sue Conner, Dwight Reed, Jerry Goldstein, Keith Browning, Frank Huberts, Linda Durbin, Robert Cook, Mary Ellen and Steve Rebik, Earnest Nelson, Dennis James and Bill and Charlene Myers for all the help and hard work at Bates Nut Farm booth the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> event.

To Sue Conner and Ron Gonsalves for their many, many years of overseeing the refreshments for each meeting.

To Roz Laffoon for keeping the library going.

To Keith Browning for being TSSD's Sgt. At Arms and keeping order before and during the meetings.

To Kay Byrne for covering Big "C" in his absence of selling gold bags, stickers and pins.

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

Patrick B. Ball, G.G, B.S., e-Business

Patrick Ball has devoted his career to Education. For over 27 years Patrick served the non-profit sector in various capacities at the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) including Director of International Operations,, Director, GIA New York, Director, GIA Alumni Association, Director of Training, and classroom and online instructor. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Flying Leatherneck Foundation at MCAS Miramar.

He is internationally recognized as a leader in educational delivery, alumni membership development, and the design and implementation of digital technology for educational content delivery. A Graduate Gemologist with an expertise in diamonds and colored stones, Patrick has traveled the globe as a public speaker, project management consultant, and public relations liaison. Patrick is an accomplished writer. He has written numerous articles and writes a regular blog and has produced several series of educational podcasts. He holds a B.S. in e-Business.

In his lecture he referred us to the following websites for free material regarding gems:

1. Gems and Gemology Magazine – free PDF version from 1934 to present (normally a \$75.00 quarterly edition) - <http://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology>
2. Gold Fever Prospecting.com (<http://search.store.yahoo.net/yhst-8927086896656/cgi-bin/nsearch?catalog=yhst-8927086896656&query=gems&vwcatalog=yhst-8927086896656> ) for good locations of gems.
3. Gem Encyclopedia from GIA - <http://www.gia.edu/gem-encyclopedia>

## October Meeting Summary:

132 people in attendance.

Door Prize Winner – Ken Maltby and Jim Hamner

50/50 Drawing – Greg Heiser

Finds of the Month:

Metal Detecting – Lori Parker and John Davis

Gems & Minerals – Michele Silva and Casie Williams

Gold – Brian Kinnear and Steve Robb

Gold Nuggets – Jon Cunningham, Lori Parker, Rod Regan, Victoria Stegeman and Duncan Fane, who was a two time winner!

Metal Detector Drawing – Kalina Caltagirone

## Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

### PUMPKIN UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin puree  
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
 pinch of salt  
 1 3/4 cups white sugar

3 eggs  
 1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk (not sweetened condensed)  
 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix/ without pudding  
 1 cup chopped pecans (Optional)  
 1 cup (2 Sticks) butter, melted

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
2. In a mixing bowl, blend pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves, salt, sugar, eggs and milk. Pour mixture into a lightly oiled (Pam) 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix and nuts over the batter. Pour melted butter over the cake.
3. Bake in a preheated 350 degrees F oven for 60 minutes and let cool. Serve warm or cold with whipped cream

## **A New Push for Protecting Public Lands in the Desert**

By: Ian James, The Desert Sun, November 2, 2014

Twenty years ago, President Bill Clinton signed the California Desert Protection Act, turning Joshua Tree and Death Valley national monuments into national parks, creating the Mojave National Preserve, and establishing more than 3.6 million acres of wilderness areas across the Mojave Desert.

On the anniversary of those sweeping changes, conservationists are rallying around a plan by Sen. Dianne Feinstein to relaunch legislation that would further expand protected areas in the desert and create two new national monuments – one of them stretching from the desert oases of the Whitewater Preserve and Big Morongo Canyon to the alpine forests of the San Bernardino Mountains.

The Democratic senator introduced the original California Desert Protection Act, which was enacted on Oct. 31, 1994, and calls the law one of her proudest legislative accomplishments. Feinstein plans to join the 20-year anniversary celebrations speaking at a Nov. 6 event hosted by The Wildlands Conservancy at the Whitewater Preserve.

"The 1994 law was a great first step, but there is broad consensus that more needs to be done," Feinstein said in a statement ahead of her visit. "I plan to introduce an updated bill in the new Congress that will balance the needs of this land, protecting the most fragile regions, setting aside other land for recreation use and allowing the state and local communities to benefit from this bill."

FILE - Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., as she talks to reporters at a news conference at on Capitol Hill in Washington. Prospects for a drought relief bill to help California farmers appear as likely as the state being deluged by three straight days of rain. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)(Photo: J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

The legislation, which is expected to be introduced in January, is an updated version of a bill that Feinstein has been promoting since 2009.

While the details have yet to be announced, the proposal centers on creating two new national monuments covering more than 1 million acres. It would establish the Sand to Snow National Monument, stretching from near Joshua Tree National Park to Mt. San Gorgonio, as well as the Mojave Trails National Monument, between Joshua Tree and the Mojave Preserve, including a historic stretch of scenic Route 66.

That status would heighten the level of protection for vast areas of desert with a rich variety of plants and animals ranging from desert tortoises to bighorn sheep. The bill would also designate additional federal lands as protected wilderness and would designate four areas as recreational sites for off-road vehicles.

Those steps will ensure wildlife "corridors" and help keep ecosystems intact, said April Sall, conservation director of The Wildlands Conservancy.

"It's a pretty important ecological hotspot, and it's a great opportunity to highlight that and at the same time create a tourist attraction and provide great access points for the public to enter the wilderness," said

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Sall, whose organization administers the Whitewater Preserve and is supporting the creation of new wilderness areas.

The national monuments proposed by Feinstein would include areas that are also separately proposed for protection under the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which would divide 22.5 million acres of the desert into zones for solar and other energy projects, conservation lands, and recreation sites.

David Lamfrom, associate director of National Parks Conservation Association, said that by creating additional national monuments, Feinstein's bill would make an area that has already grown increasingly popular as a tourist destination even more attractive.

"As the world gets smaller, our wide open spaces and our starry skies become really what everybody else is looking for," Lamfrom said.

The lure of Joshua Tree for visitors has grown markedly since it became a national park and was expanded under the California Desert Protection Act. The numbers of visitors have grown from less than 1.2 million in 1994 to what is expected to be a record 1.5 million visitors this year.

Those hikers, climbers, campers and others have brought a growing economic boost to communities such as Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree, where motels, restaurants, and gas stations depend largely on out-of-towners during the cool winter months.

"The protection of the desert land all around us is extremely important because visitors come to escape urban America," said Vickie Waite, executive director of the Joshua Tree National Park Council for the Arts, which is coordinating a series of events celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 1994 law.

The anniversary events include hikes, speeches, receptions and the unveiling of a new mural in communities across the desert.

Those attending the anniversary events will include Pat Flanagan, a naturalist who leads nature walks at the Oasis of Mara.

"Something as monumental, congressionally monumental, as this should be celebrated, and every 10 years is a good time to do it," Flanagan said.

She praised Feinstein's work in backing the legislation 20 years ago, and recalled that those changes took years to win approval after an initial version was introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston in 1986.

"This is not easy work, and you have to have a long vision," Flanagan said.

The work of creating Joshua Tree National Park and the other desert wilderness areas goes back a century and has involved many contributors.

## Casual Use Mining Guidelines in the Barstow Resource Area

Publication by BLM Barstow Field Office

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for managing a multitude of uses on public lands with the Barstow Resource Area. Some uses, such as mining activity, compete with other uses. The mining laws allow an operator to conduct activity on public lands under the United States mining laws. Surface-disturbing activities are reviewed and monitored by the BLM to minimize, to the extent possible, impacts with other resources, without unreasonably interfering with mineral development, in order to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation to public lands. Regulations at Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3809, require mining operators to notify the BLM of certain actions that constitute a level of activity that would cause more than “negligible” surface disturbance. Activity only causing negligible disturbance is considered casual use.\*

*\*“Casual use” is defined in the regulations pertaining to surface management of public lands on mining claims as “Activities ordinarily resulting in only negligible disturbance of the Federal lands and resources. For example, activities are generally considered casual use if they do not involve the use of mechanized earth moving equipment or explosives or do not involve the use of motorized vehicles in areas designated as closed to off-road vehicles as defined in sub-part 8340 of this title”. 43 CFR ch. II (10-1-95 Edition), 3809.0-5 Definitions.*

Because there has been significant interest in casual use (recreational) mining in the Coolgardie and Ord Mountain areas, BLM has determined that guidelines are necessary to assure that casual use activity is conducted in a manner that does not cause unnecessary or undue degradation to public lands. Mining operators who adhere to the following guidelines are considered casual use (recreation) miners, and will not be required to file notice or a plan of operation for review with the Barstow Resource Area Manager:

1. Excavation and processing will be limited to hand tools, such as a pick, shovel, drywasher, or related implement.
2. Site clean-up will occur on a daily basis. All trash and food items that may attract ravens or other animals will be kept in closed containers and will be removed in a timely fashion.
3. Vehicular travel is restricted to signed open or designated routes of travel. Maps of open routes are available to look at or to purchase from any California Desert District BLM office.
4. Perennial vegetation and desert tortoise burrows are not to be disturbed. Due to the difficulty in distinguishing between desert tortoise burrows and those of other animals, all wildlife burrows should be avoided.
5. Pits and trenches are to be constructed so that they will not entrap the desert tortoise or other wildlife. A small, earthen ramp can be constructed in pits, allowing animals to escape.
6. Handling of desert tortoises is prohibited by law, unless a tortoise is in imminent danger.
7. All pets will be restrained or confined.
8. Recreational (casual use) miners will limit their stay to 14 days, or less, per visit.
9. Prior to leaving the area, all disturbed areas will be backfilled, recontoured, and raked.

NOTE: Any activity that exceeds the above guidelines must be conducted under an approved plan of operations.

**2015 TSSD Calendar:**

Please see Sharon Crnkovic for your copy of the TSSD 2015 Calendar of outings and events. She will be selling the claims guides at the November meeting.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in all 3 categories.

**Novembers Guest Speaker:**

Ray and Aaron Klapka on their battery operated recirculating highbanker.

**A Volunteer Steps Up to the Plate!**

Thank you to Dan McGuigan for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to oversee the Finds of the Month table! You are appreciated!

**San Gabriel's now a National Monument:**

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 President Obama made the San Gabriel Mountain Range into a National Monument. How this effects the use of East Fork is unknown at this time.

**On Facebook?**

There is a group on Facebook "San Diego Prospectors and Gold Miners"  
[https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn\\_tnmn#!/groups/248992371925760/](https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn#!/groups/248992371925760/)

It is a closed group and you must ask to join. This is for anyone who is interested in the great outdoors. Many SPMA, TSSD members, and others, are on this page.

**Cargo Outing:**

Saturday and Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, TSSD will hold its monthly outing to TSSD's Cargo Claims.

This is wide open desert.

You must be self-sufficient. There are NO facilities in the area.

It is approximately 2 and ½ hours to a 3 hour drive south from Escondido.

**LOGISTICS:**

Hwy. 8 towards Yuma, AZ.

Exit Ogilby Road and turn Left (over the freeway)

Travel 3.9 miles

Turn Right onto Sidewinder Road – just past the R/R Tracks

Travel approx. 2.5 miles to BLM Route #715 (aka: Jackson Gulch).

Turn Left.

Cross over the Power Line Road and start looking for a place to camp.

This puts you at the very corner of Claim #1.

Motor homes and trailers are able to get to this point.

To explore the actual claims, you must have a high clearance vehicle.

You can get gas, ice and supplies at the following locations off of Hwy. 8:

1. Golden Acorn Casino near Campo – large RV and truck fueling area. Hwy. 8 and Crestwood – Exit #61.
2. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in El Centro – turn right and then make the first right to a truck stop or you can turn left from the freeway and there are smaller gas stations in that direction.
3. Hwy. 8 rest stop – WATER ONLY – there are two bibs, bring your own hose. Located in the center of the Hwy. so be in your left lane. This approx. 3 ½ miles before Ogilby Road turnoff.
4. Hwy. 8 and Sidewinder Road – small gas station good for fuel and ice. You can NOT take this Sidewinder Road to get to the claims. You must go back to Ogilby Road.
5. 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Yuma, AZ. – ARCO station on your right. You must travel back to Ogilby Road.

Check the weather for Yuma area before you go – plan accordingly. Weather does vary and winds do come on unexpectedly.

This is a clean desert – please keep it that way by picking up your trash and hauling it out.

And, PLEASE, cover your holes.

Make sure you are on a TSSD claim. Many, many claims by others butt up to TSSD's.

Must have TSSD Claim Guide and TSSD Membership Card with you while on TSSD's claims.

### 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



**Outings and Events:**

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday:  
 TSSD General Meeting @ 210 Park Ave., Escondido  
 6:30pm

November 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday:  
 Metal Detecting with John Howe  
 Mission Beach  
 7:00am’ish  
 10:00 am meet up to share finds

November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday and Sunday:  
 TSSD’s Cargo Claims

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday:  
 Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta  
 Pacific Beach  
 7am

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday:  
 TSSD General Meeting @ 210 Park Ave., Escondido  
 6:30pm

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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:**

**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 case. Retail selling price: \$1,049 plus tax  
 Selling for \$750.00 serious inquiries only:  
 Sharon Crnkovic  
 760-519-9899

**For Sale:**

1996 Ford F250 3/4 ton utility truck  
 Dual gas tanks, Heavy duty bumper, Lumber rack, all lockable compartments, Good tires, runs great  
 Passes smog, ac & heater work great, clean title, Mileage 208,746.  
 \$5,500 OBO  
 LEMON GROVE  
 951.729.9839



**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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Complete and turn in a membership application.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: You will be given your TSSD membership card.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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

#### **Board Members**

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