

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message

The year is gone! What did we do? Where did we go?

Well for educational benefits, for our members, we did some scouting and elementary school events. We took our members out to various claims and other places where we could learn about identifying numerous gems and minerals. We went on fossil hunts and learned more about earth's history thousands of years ago. We even got to do some gold prospecting and plenty of metal detecting.

We even participated at some PLP events including the Sleepy Bear outing. There were two of those events this past year. We chartered a bus and went to the court hearing on dredging in Rancho Cucamonga. Oh! And how about those two events up in Julian. One of them was the Julian Gold Rush Days. And we went out to the Freedom, Hall of Fame and the Cargo areas.

Speaking about the Freedom claims. I went on a tour of our claim area and found out that our members, and those who may be poaching, need a refresher course on filling your holes after use and not to dig around desert plants. The fastest way for the BLM to focus on our wrong-doings is to dig around plants. There will be more discussion on this at the general meeting.

On the subject of Virginia West, TSS donated \$750.02 in her name. I know, everyone was pulling every bill and coin out of their pockets and it will go for our member's well fair.

The BLM and the federal government have been very busy along with the environmental groups. They are closing off more desert areas and national forests. They turn them into national forests and then close them off for any entry. Stay close to the PLP, American Mining Rights Association and the California Mining Journal for all the latest dirt. We try to get into the mix as much as we can.

You have seen and got a copy of our 2015 schedule of events. There's plenty of room on the calendar for deletions and additions. We are always thinking of new places to go and new subjects to speak on. If you don't know when or where the Christmas party is and what it's all about, then you must not be coming to the meetings. See you all at the party.

Sourdough Chet

Bring your red tickets for the gold nugget quarterly drawing!

Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The weather at Pacific Beach was perfect for metal detecting, not too hot nice breeze. I did not have a chance to talk to everyone who came to see what their finds were as we had company with us from Nevada. Quite a few people did show up John Howe recovered around \$2.50, Brian Kinnear got a little over a dollar my wife Zee showed us up with over \$4.50 in change. She found a nice spill with 12 quarters, I happened to be in the right place. My first find was a gold chain with a couple of charms. The chain must have been from Europe as it was marked 750 (18k). It was found out in the flats about 6 inches deep.

Others that showed up was John Davis, Jodie Rufener, Jim Harley, Chris Humphries and Eric Olson.

Next month's hunt will be at La Jolla Shores at 2:00 in the afternoon to take advantage of a -1.3 low tide.

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

Hunt smart!

Results from 11/9/14 Metal Detecting outing @ Mission Beach:

By John Howe

It was a beautiful day at the beach for detecting. Targets were not jumping out of the sand. We had 14 members attending, including 4 newbies. In total we found 167 coins for \$18.14 and only 1 piece of jewelry, a costume ring.

Rich Heygi 29 coins @ \$4.16

Zee Trutta 43 coins @ \$3.80

Frank Trutta 28 coins @ \$2.14

John Howe 20 coins @ \$1.87

Jerry Kaplan 10 coins @ \$1.81, costume ring

Brian Kinnear 13 coins @ \$1.33

Tom Alaniz 7 coins @ \$0.86

Cliff Vaughn 7 coins @ \$0.79

Larry Delaney 2 coins @ \$0.30

Chris Hoffer 1 coin @ \$0.25

Bruce Hoffer 4 coins @ \$0.13

Tom Heffernan 2 coins @ \$0.06

Bridget Sandy 1 coin @ \$0.01

Ron Porio 0 coins @ \$0.00 and the winner of the Skunk-of-the-Month

The next hunt will be on the same day (Dec. 7th) as the club Christmas Party so we'll be up north at Oceanside Harbor Beach. Details will follow.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego ~ Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7th, 2014



Doors open at 3pm

Dinner will be served at 5pm

Madrid Manor
1401 El Norte Parkway
San Marcos, CA 92069

Main Club House

As you turn onto Country Club Lane (the road into the park), make your first right and the club house will be in front of you.

Please abide by all the parking rules of the park, for questions or concerns please talk with Sue or Ron. PLEASE pay attention to the RED curbs and markings.

TSSD is providing:

Turkey, Ham, plates, napkins, silverware, coffee, cider and water.

If you desire something else to drink, please bring it with you.

The rest of the dinner is **POTLUCK** - please bring a favorite dish to share.

Gift Exchange:

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange -

Please bring a wrapped gift (*something that you would like to receive*) in the \$20.00 to \$25.00 range.

The gift should be for either gender.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To all members for so graciously giving to a fellow member in need last month. TSSD was able to send a \$750.02 Cashier Check to Virginia West who was injured in a vehicle accident.

To Ray and Aaron Klapka for their excellent presentation on running a battery operated recirculating highbanker.

To Judy Carpenter for her many, many years of delicious recipes.

To Robert Cook for his wonderful power point presentations for the meetings.

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

November Meeting Summary:

152 people in attendance.

Door Prize Winner – Robert Dunn and Thomas Kluczynski

50/50 Drawing – Jesse Ammen

Finds of the Month:

Metal Detecting – Kalina Caltagirone and Jim Sullivan

Gems & Minerals – Jeff Wark and John and Mary Troseth

Gold – Jason Evans and John and Mary Troseth

Gold Nuggets – Ronald Porio, Laurie Parker, Gene Oliver, Rod Regan,
Bernard Tinnant and John Troseth

Metal Detector Drawing – Eddie Espinoza

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.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Cheesy Cauliflower Casserole

2 lbs. Cauliflower florets
6-8 ozs Sharp Cheddar cheese, grated, divided
6-8 ozs Monterey Jack Cheese, grated, divided
4 ozs Block cream cheese, softened
2-3 Tablespoons heavy cream
3/4 - 1 cup green onions, sliced thinly
6 sliced good smokey bacon, cooked and crumbled
1-2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt & Pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Steam or microwave cauliflower just until tender

Cream together the 3 cheeses and heavy cream (leave some of the grated for the topping)

Stir in the green onions and crumbled bacon

Drain the cauliflower if needed

Stir the cauliflower and cheese mixture together

Add salt and pepper to taste

Pour everything into a 3 qt casserole dish and sprinkle remaining grated cheese on top

Cover dish with foil and bake for 20-25 minutes, remove the foil and continue baking until cheese is brown and bubbly.

2015 TSSD Calendar:

Are available at the sign in table.

GPAA Pomona Gold Show:

Fairplex Pomona, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768

February 7th and 8th, 2015, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Setup on Friday the 6th.

TSSD is **considering** 'hosting' this event to bring money into the club.

"Hosting" includes people to help set up and take down all aspects of the show. Work the ticket booths, work security at the doors, etc.

Also, if you would like to be a vendor at this event, sign up with Chester, as TSSD will receive points.

Mark your calendar and let Chester know if you are interested in helping.

GPAA Membership Kits:

Are available at the TSSD meetings.

Cost is \$70.00 for a one year membership; start up kit and claims guide through TSSD only.

Please see Chester.

Members Article from the PLP Sleepy Bear Mine Outing:

By Jon Cunningham

Sleepy Bear/Atolia - A New Area To Mine

Over 300 people attended the Octoberfest Sleepy Bear Mine (Joe Martori - owner), PLP (Walt Wegner and staff), American Prospector Treasurer Seeker (Sue, Jim and Kristi Jeffery) fund raiser. Sue and Jim really had their hands full. With all the traffic I almost backed into another truck when someone yelled 'STOP'. Yes, it was Jim directing traffic while Sue was signing people in. Sleepy Bear is a few miles south of Randsburg and not far from our Freedom claim. Attendees had the choice of staying at Sleepy Bear or at Jordan Jarvis's Atolia claim north of Randsburg. About 30 of us chose Atolia and we drywashed, detected and camped there and drove back and forth to Sleepy Bear. Jordan is outgoing, very articulate and gave us an interesting talk on almost every aspect of mining imaginable. He also mentioned that TSS members can now use his claim. Much of it consists of hundreds of 30 foot high mounds where tungsten was extracted from scheelite ore during the world wars. Gold was left behind and Jordan now mines gold, scheelite and other ores. Tungsten is used for many things including light bulb filaments and is a hardener for steel. Scheelite fluoresces a bluish white color in the dark under a black light. Jordan took many of us out at night and showed us thousands of scheelite rocks with his \$400 black light, including scorpions which also fluoresce bluish white. My suggestion would be for TSS to get written permission and directions to this new area. Maybe Jim or Sue could arrange for Jordan to give us a program as I know it would be outstanding. Saturday was spent prospecting including taking part in a Keene Engineering common dig and demonstrations of their many machines. That evening was the barbecue/potluck. Joe Martori cooked beef, pork and chicken for everyone. We also had the choice of about 200 potluck dishes. After dinner we enjoyed 2 huge campfires on either side of us, speeches, a raffle and then entertainment. While all this was going on a drone with a camera and flashing lights flew overhead and one got the impression that we had just been invaded by Mars. This whole experience was great fun for everyone and hopefully we raised a lot of money. A big thank you to Joe, Walt, Sue, Jim, Kristi and Jordan and the many volunteers for all their hard work.

Jon

FROM: AMERICAN PROSPECTOR TREASURE SEEKER:

Metal Detecting Vail Lake Campground

Date/Time: Sunday, December 14th @ 8am (or arrive when you wish)

Address: 38000 Hwy 79 South, Temecula, CA 92592

Meet: At the entrance

Entrance Fee: \$5.00 per person (Hikers/Bikers) OR \$10.00 per person for day use

Who: Anyone is welcome to join, all age & experience levels welcome.

**This is a bring your own detector, digging tools (etc.) food and drinks event.

We welcome you and your friends and family to join!**

Thank You ~ Sue & Jim

American Prospector Treasure Seeker 951-676-2555

Supporting the Chapter:

“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:

December 3rd – Wednesday:

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

December 7th – Sunday:

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

December 7th – Sunday:

TSSD's Annual Christmas Party
Madrid Manor Park, San Marcos
Main Club House
4pm to 8pm
Dinner at 5pm

December 28th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
La Jolla Shores
2pm

January 7th – Wednesday:

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

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Hanukkah Begins	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Hanukkah Ends Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

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:

Older Keene 151. Baffle type, no offset fan. Whole unit including motor and blower. No hose. Minor repair project but motor needs repair/replace. 3 ½ horse Briggs & Stratton, vertical throw. \$100.00 takes all. Funds go to TSS.
Contact Chester 760-747-1165.

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 Located in LEMON GROVE
Michele Silva 951.729.9839



On Facebook? There is a group on Facebook “San Diego Prospectors and Gold Miners”
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.

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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