

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message:

Still a fast pace for the Treasure Seekers. Got a request from the Palomar Gem and Mineral club to put up a display at the Escondido Center for the Arts. We did this some years ago for our Senior Center and also at the Vista Gas and Steam Engine organization. We set up on May 8 for the display on May 9 and 10. We have also been asked to set up a booth at the Grape Day Festival in Escondido's Grape Day Park in September. Isn't it nice that organizations like to see us???

We had our monthly outing at the Freedom Claim. I got numerous calls from members who attended this outing and most were negative. It was said that many of our signs and posts are being painted over and other claims names painted on. Also that some were being told that they were on some other adjacent claim. We know of some of these claims and they were filed after our initial filing. We were also told by the BLM to redefine our claim boundaries and submit changes. Our claims committee is working on these items and are saying that they are taking care of these problems.

We have a great item for our quarterly drawing in June. We got the four stacker Gold Cube this time. It comes with a pump and you can just set in the water and feed it... And as Jerry is in charge of the drawings, he always has great table drawings. That's the only way we are able to keep our organization going is by our drawings. Wish yourself luck and win the great prizes.

May 13 is our Gold Rush school event at Oak Hill Elementary School. We need volunteers for that. We will have all the 5 classes in the auditorium and then individual classes in the school yard. Good time to volunteer and see how we do this. We also have the Vista Strawberry Festival on Sunday May 24. Probably set up on the 23rd. Come on out and help by volunteering. Very little work but a whole lot of fun.

There is a lot of talk about the BLM closing many of access roads leading in and around some of our claims and also roads that off-roaders, hikers and horse riders use. I've been going around to other clubs and talking about these closures and what we must do to keep this from happening. We have to band together with all these organizations. We have to get letters written by individuals. I need help in suggestions on how to put together form letters that can be generalized and then sent in by every individual before we don't have any access to any public land. Some clubs think they can do it alone but find that they are losing the battle. Wars are best fought with help from our allies.

We also have to support our organizations like the PLP, AMRA, GPAA, MMAC and Sleepy Bear Mining.

OK, that's it for now. Wishing you good hunting whether it be for gems, gold, metal detecting or just getting yourself outdoors and soaking up some sunshine.

Sourdough Chet

Cell Phones ~ off or on vibrate Please!

Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The Mission Beach hunt went well. Everyone found a ring or two. John Howe (aka Suckie John) found two Sterling silver rings 27 coins for \$3.02, Tom Alaniz found his first gold ring and 58 cents in change, Brian Kinnear found a nice looking Stainless Steel ring and 95 cents I found a Sterling silver and a copper ring 18 coins for \$1.39, I also found four pieces of junk jewelry. I was hunting the low tide area and recovered one of the rings out there. All of the other were rings were found up on the dry sand. Next months' beach hunt will be at La Jolla Shores May 24th at about 7:00 a. m. with a get together at 10:00 to show off our finds. Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516, or on my cell phone 760 291-7900.

Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

Here's the results from the April Metal Detecting Outing at Mission Beach on Easter Sunday. Another great day for detecting. Comfortably cool and lots of targets! We had 7 hunters and everybody found something besides junk, albeit some more than others. The results sorted by cash found...

Brian Kinnear 65 coins @ \$5.78 and the find of the day, a wallet with \$60.00!

John Howe 64 coins @ \$6.52

Jerry Kaplan 49 coins @ \$3.65

Larry Bridgeforth 37 coins @ \$2.91; pair of earrings

Cliff Vaughn 29 @ \$2.49

Gregg Terrones 3 coins @ \$0.12 and the repeat winner of the SKUNK. But he's getting better!

Mark Peterson (SPMA) arrived late but called me to let me know that he found an Armani wristwatch!

The May hunt will tentatively be again at Mission Beach, but at the south end near the jetty. It'll be on the 10th, Mothers Day so we'll have another holiday outing.

May Guest Speaker:

Sam Radding, author of two (2) books "Book of Plans" on how to construct several types of Drywashers, Rocker Boxes, Concentrator, sluice and conveyor belt (volume 1) and How to build Drywashers, View Scopes, Suction Sticks, Sniping Tools, Gold Screens and more (Volume 2).

New Membership Cards

2015 to 2016 Membership Cards are available for pick up at the sign in table.
You will only have a card if you filled out a membership application last month.

If you were not at last month's meeting – then you will need to fill out a membership application and only then will a new membership card be issued to you at the next meeting.

Any questions – please contact Charlene Myers at the sign in table.

All orange colored Membership cards have expired.

GPAA Membership Kits:

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.

Finds of the Month:

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

Bring in your best finds from last month.

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

*Remember, it is **quality**, not quantity.*

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Walt Wegner for his presentation on PLP (Public Lands for the Public) and on MMAC (Minerals and Mining Advisory Council).

To Conrad Eury for covering the PLP table at last month's meeting and to Kay Bryne for covering the sales of TSSD's gold bags. We appreciate you being there for all of us.

To Chester Nowicki, Jerry Goldstein, Sue Conner and her daughter, Kathy, Michele Silva, Bill and Charlene Myers for helping with the 4th Grade presentation at Soille San Diego Hebrew Day School on Wednesday, April 29th, 2015.

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

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

7 Up Biscuits (only 4 ingredients)

2- 2 1/2 cups Baking Mix (Bisquick)
1/2 Sour Cream
1/2 cup 7 Up soda
1/4 cup Butter, melted

Directions: Start with 2 cups of the baking mix, sour cream and 7 up in a bowl. If dough is very soft, add more baking mix as needed to make firm dough. Knead and fold the dough until well mixed. Pat dough out on a floured cutting board (I use the baking mix) and cut into 2" rounds. Melt the butter in the bottom of a baking dish or cookie sheet with sides. Place the biscuits on top of the butter and bake @ 425 degrees for 12 -15 minutes or until brown. Makes about 7 good size biscuits. Recipe can be doubled very easily.

April Meeting Summary:

142 people in attendance.

138 Membership Applications were received.

Door Prize Winner – Ray Klapka

50/50 Drawing – Mike Gillis

Finds of the Month:

Metal Detecting –Linda Durbin and Michele Silva

Gems & Minerals – Marika (?) and Frank Huberts

Gold – Todd Barmgartner and Bob Dunn

Gold Nuggets – Susan McKinney, Barbara Heyser, Rod Regan, Frank Huberts, Kim Graham and Janice Davies

Garrett 250 Metal Detector – David Hale

May Outing:**Blue Cut Area, Cajon Pass**

Blue Cut Area
One Day Outing
Saturday, May 16th, 2015
9 AM meet

At the dirt lot at Cleghorn Rd and Cajon Rd next to the railroad tracks.

Spend the day sluicing, panning, metal detecting, exploring.

Bring your own equipment (or share with someone), chair, food, water and whatever else.

Lots of history in this area:

Cajon Pass, separating the San Bernardino and San Gabriel ranges has long been an important natural gateway. It is traversed by Indian trails, emigrant routes, railroads, and a superhighway. Early in the 19th century it became the southern end of the [Old Spanish](#) or [Salt Lake \(Mormon\) trail](#). In the 1840s it was the scene of massive horse-stealing raids led by Indians and renegade mountain men, in which as many as 5000 head at one time were driven eastward. The Mormon pioneers who founded [San Bernardino](#) in 1851 traveled this route. In 1861 [John Brown](#) built a 12 mile [toll road through the pass](#). It connected with the Van Dusen Road, providing improved access to the booming mining settlements in [Holcomb Valley](#). The lower end of Cajon pass consists of a huge alluvial deposit 2 miles wide. About 5 miles above Devore is a narrow gorge eroded by Cajon Creek known as Blue Cut, also called lower Narrows. A Tollhouse for the Brown road was located nearby. This became the logical path for the railroad, which came in 1885. It was also the route of old [Highway 66](#). The construction of Interstate 15 has largely removed this once familiar landmark from the public eye.

Directions from Escondido:

Hwy. 15 North

Exit Cleghorn Road (Exit #129)

Make a Left at the end of the off-ramp onto Cajon Blvd. (going under the freeway)

There is a big dirt lot at the other side of the freeway –

Meet there at 9 AM.

If you arrive after the meeting time and place – you can make a left on Cajon Blvd (once under the freeway) and make the first right onto Swarthout Cyn. Rd. As soon as you cross over the creek and bear to your left, there is a dirt parking lot. That is where the group will be.

Not sure if you need an Adventure Pass, but it would not hurt to have one.

There are no restrooms in this area.

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.

Membership Card Holders with clip or pin style – \$2.00 each at Membership table.

Engraved Name Tags - \$12.00 each

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 2016 meeting.

June “Quarterly Prize”:**Gold Cube Sluice**

Outings and Events:

May 6th – Wednesday:

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

May 10th – Sunday:

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

May 13th – Wednesday:

Oak Hill Elementary School Presentation
1820 Oak Hill Drive
Escondido, CA 92027
8am till noon

May 16th – Saturday:

Outing to “Blue Cut Area” – Cajon Pass
9am at meeting place

May 24th – Sunday:

Vista Strawberry Festival (booth)
Downtown Vista
8am till 4pm

May 24th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
La Jolla Shores
7:00 am.

June 3rd – Wednesday:

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

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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CLASSIFIEDS:**For Sale:**

LDMA membership.

\$2,000.00

Contact Sharon 760-519-9899

For Sale:

Keene 151 Electrostatic Drywasher for sale. Selling price new was around \$1600.00 plus another \$125.00 or so for sales tax.

I am asking \$1100.00.

Please contact Jack Stangl at (760)788-6116 if you are interested or have any questions.

**For Sale:**

Drywasher, Homemade, Compatible to a Keene 151. Used about 6 times.

Asking \$825.00.

Contact Frank Huberts - 760-758-2378.

For Sale:

AZ Desert Gold Drywasher. Needs a blower. Sells new at \$450.00.

Asking \$275.00.

Contact Frank Huberts - 760-758-2378.

For Sale:

Recirculating Sluice – all self contained (Tub, Stand, Pump, Sluice box). You will need a battery to operate.

Asking \$200.00.

Contact Frank Huberts – 760-758-2378.

For Sale:

Drywasher-Custom built bellows, Sam Radding design-Mini-Magic.

Asking \$150.00.

Contact Jon Cunningham (619) 222-9356, cell (619) 302-6569.

**For Sale:**

Drywasher - Gold Buddy VibraLite medium (pony). 21" long 9" wide -air supply hose included. Leaf blower not included. Purchased new in 2012 for \$469. Used about 3 times.

Asking \$250.00.

Contact Jon Cunningham (619) 222-9356, cell (619) 302-6569.



If you wish to run an ad, please send to: charlenemyers@cox.net by the 20th of each month.

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 Small Dry Washer (no leaf blower)
- 1 Large Dry Washer (Keene 151 with leaf blower)
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

Claim Assessment Work forms are available at the sign in table. Please return to Robert Cook.

TSSD Mining Claim(s) Corrections:

Please note the following corrections in your copy of the TSSD Claims Guide:

1. Friendly Fox Claim:
 - a. The BLM Route to the claim is #663 (mile marker 10).
2. Warner Springs Gem Claim:
 - a. The Forest Route to the claim is #9S05 (Lost Creek Rd.).
3. TSSD Cargo Claims:
 - a. The turn off from Sidewinder Road is BLM Route #715.

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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