

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message:

And the news just keeps rolling in. We have an event at the Bates Nut Farm the first weekend in June. It went very good. All those TSS members who had extra prospecting gear or any other items they wanted to get rid of had the chance to sell them at the Valley Center Yard Sale. It was noted that those who participated not only sold their items, but also went out and purchased other items from other sellers. So maybe some went home with more than they brought....

Del Mar Fair is now going on. Those TSSD members who are also SPMA members have the chance to sign up and volunteer to help the SPMA at their booth. From the rumors, I think it would have helped the SPMA group if they would have asked for help from non SPMA members. Its fun and you do get the free pass to be there all day even after your volunteer time.

We also had our beach metal detecting event at Bonita Cove and that went great. Not only did some new members get to learn how to hunt in the sand, but were helped in correctly setting up their detectors for wet, dry and heavily mineralized sand. Detecting contest was done, prizes were awarded, and camaraderie was fantastic. Couldn't ask for a better time.

We are having our annual event up at Julian. This is the Julian Gold Rush. This is in Wynola, just before you get to Julian. There will be many different old west events. The TSSD group is always asked to put up a booth. We have free gold panning and metal detecting events for the younger generation. We have the kids pan for fools gold that they get to keep and the other main event is the metal detecting event that goes on all day. Kids can't seem to get enough of this. We salt an area given to us with many foreign coins. The kids get to use a supplied metal detector with assisted help from our TSSD volunteers. Even if we use U.S. coins, the kids want to keep the foreign coins. We will also have prospecting items for sale. Those who volunteered are great. We have as many as 12-14 each day. Many thanks go out to these members. We couldn't do this without their help.

Our next big event is our annual TSSD picnic. I really want to encourage all those new members to come out. We will have a metal detecting hunt and gold panning contest with prizes to be given out. TSSD will supply the meats and you are encouraged to bring a side dish. This will be at the Dixon Lake park in Escondido. As you enter Dixon Lake, watch for the small park on the left. Saturday, July 11 and come early for all the camaraderie and fun. Our scheduled contest times will be posted when we figure that out.

Most of you have heard that Judge Ochoa denied the motion for injunction relief preventing the Dept. of Fish and Game from harassing suction dredgers in California. It's was a sad day for us. It seems as if there is some favoritism on the side of the conservationists. None of them were at this final hearing as if they already knew what the verdict was going to be. Looks as if there will be no dredging for 2015.

Well, that's it for now. See you at the meetings and events. Be good to your fellow TSSD members and let's support any and all the outdoor clubs and associations to keep our public lands open for us to enjoy.

Sourdough Chet

Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

Our monthly outing at Pacific Beach had perfect June gloom overcast. I was working the low tide area and recovered a junk ring, a sterling silver stud earring and \$2.20 in change. The sand must have washed onto the beach as I was getting few junk target readings. My wife Zee came across a pair of ear rings, usually you find only one. Someone must have put it by their towel so not to lose it. Tom Alaniz did the best with an 18k gold band and a sterling silver cross and \$1.79 in change. All of these were out in the low tide area. John Howe was working up on the dry sand with his new Minelab Go-Find 60 and found about \$2.00 in change a set of Nissan keys and a wrinkled up \$1.00 bill.

Also present were Bill Edison, Brian Kennear, Chris Humphres, Tom Baker, Maril Rahhal and Dennis Jackson.

The beach hunt for July will be on the 26th at around 7 am, at Mission Beach out from the big parking lot south of the roller coaster. Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors at 760 743-8516 or on my cell phone 760 291-7900.

Hunt Smart

Frank

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

A perfect day for beach metal detecting even if the finds weren't great. We had 6 hunters who found a total of \$15.03 and 2 stainless steel rings. Here are the results in order of cash found...

Rich Hegyi 61 @ \$5.11; stainless ring

John Howe 33 @ \$3.56

Bob Waldrip 33 @ \$3.34; house key; junk charm

Cliff Vaughn 22 @ \$1.64; stainless steel ring; 2 toy cars

Jerry Kaplan 16 @ \$1.22

Brian Kinnear 7 @ \$0.16; toy plane and the winner of the SKUNK albeit he hunted the wet sand and you know it's either feast or famine there!

The July hunt will be on July 5th so we're going where the people go... Mission Beach. Plenty of stuff to find depending on how many other hunters are there and if the Zamboni isn't running.

Coinshooters of San Diego metal detecting club is having another of their "Mini-Hunts" at Bonita Cove on July 12th. The cost is \$20 for non-members but they bury over 4000 coins and tokens for silver coins and other prizes. So if you're fast and lucky, you might recoup your investment and maybe score a silver coin or two.

I'll forward the announcement and details when I get it.

John

TSSD's Seeded Metal Detecting Hunt:

Here are the results from TSSD's June Outing - "Seeded Metal Detecting Contest" at Bonita Cove, San Diego on Saturday, June 20th, 2015.

We had 16 attendees and I think all had a great time. Everyone got \$\$, some got prizes. Here's a breakdown of the results in no particular order. Charlene took a bunch of pictures and I hope some/all make it into the newsletter.

Special thanks to Jerry Goldstein for his organization abilities.

Participants:

- 1 - Michele Silva with 119 coins
- 2 - Chester Nowicki with 75 coins and one special token
- 3 - Cliff Vaughan with 81 coins and one special token (scratch offs)
- 4 - Jerry Goldstein with 112 coins and two special tokens
- 5 - John Howe with 140 coins and three special tokens
- 6 - Trish Hegyi with 62 coins
- 7 - Rich Hegyi with 118 coins
- 8 - Charlene Myers with 57 coins
- 9 - Robert Waldrip with 74 coins and one special token (wine)
- 10 - Kalina Caltegirone with 86 coins
- 11 - Steve McGovern with 103 coins
- 12 - Jerry Kaplan with 137 coins
- 13 - Jack Stangl with 102 coins
- 14 - Brian Kinnear with 153 coins and one special token (wine)
- 15 - Jim Mears with 82 coins and a special token
- 16 - Brian Winter with 204 coins.



New Metal Detectors . . .

By Frank M. Trutta

Minelab USA has released its Go Find line of metal detectors. They have three models the Go-Find 20, Go-Find 40 and the Go-Find 60. These are priced from \$179.00 to \$309.00 and fold up into a very compact unit. Columbia Metal Detectors at 760 743-8516.

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 since April 2015.

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

All orange colored Membership cards have expired.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Lee Darling on his great presentation of dowsing, both in the field and on maps.

To Greg Heyser who donated one of his custom made “Au-nigue Vac’s” for the clubs use.

To Jerry Goldstein and all the others that set up a great Metal Detecting Seeded Hunt at Bonita Cove.

To those that volunteered their time to work the TSSD booth at the Julian Gold Rush Day event.

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

July’s Guest Speakers:

Robert Cook and Jerry Goldstein on “Roaring Camp Mining Co.” located on Clinton Bar in Mokelumne River Canyon, CA. <http://www.roaringcampgold.com/>

Cell phones off or on vibrate please.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego Annual Picnic
Saturday, July 11th 2015
Dixon Lake, Escondido

6:00 to 9:00AM - Reserve Spot and Set Up

Need 4 or 5 people to help unload all the equipment & carry to our area.

9:00 to 9:30AM - Setting up Metal Detecting Area

10:00 to 11:00AM - Metal Detecting Contest **

** **Metal Detectorists** - you **MUST** use headphones and you **must** have a small digging tool. A Pinpointer is also helpful.

11:00 to 11:30 AM - Prizes announced for the Metal Detecting Contest

12 Noon - BBQ begins - *please bring a side dish to share*

Club is cooking Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.
Condiments. Plates, Silverware and Bottled Water
will be provided. Please bring your own chairs or
blanket.

1:00 PM - Panning Contest - Men, Women and Children

* Need 5 or so people to help clean up and carry the equipment back to the vehicles.

Driving Instructions:

From Hwy 15 and Hwy 78 – go east on Hwy. 78

Left on North Broadway

Right onto E. El Norte Parkway

Travel 2.1 miles

Left on La Honda Drive

Drive for 1.3 miles up La Honda Drive (a winding road)

Entrance into Lake Dixon is on the Right

Tell the park ranger that you are there for the TSSD picnic.

As you enter the park and bear to your right, TSSD will be in the first green grass area on your left. Look for the TSSD banner.

SPECIAL DRAWING

For a “10 Consecutive Day Pass”
To LDMA’s Duisenburg Claim
To be used at any time.

\$5.00 per Ticket

Drawing once we have reached \$100.00 in sales. Hopefully tonight!

LDMA’s Duisenburg Claim is located off of Hwy. 395 just north of Randsburg/Johannesburg.

This is a 140 Acre Patented Claim.

And is located West of TSSD’s Freedom Claim.

You do not have to be a GPAA or LDMA member to enter.

Miner’s Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Beat the heat with Crock Pot Summer Desserts

Your crock pot is not just for winter time soups, stews and pulled pork. Try making desserts for that winter time feel, but without heating up the kitchen.

Basic Recipe

2 - (21 ounce) can of pie filling
This can be cherry, peach or apple your choice
1 large box of Cake Mix (yellow or white)
1 cup butter, melted

Spray crock pot with non -stick spray (I use crock pot liners for easy clean up)

Pour in both cans of pie filling

Pour the box of cake mix over the top of the filling (DO NOT MIX)

Drizzle melted butter over the top, try to cover the top to the edges

Cook on high for 3 hours then remove the lid and cook for another 30-35 minutes or until the top get a little crispy brown

Serve with some homemade ice cream.

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!*

Septembers “Quarterly Prize”:

Package of:
A Mercury Gold Retort
Sluice Box
And
Pin Pointer

June Meeting Summary:

149 people in attendance.

23 Membership Applications were received.

Door Prize Winner – James Mays and Linda Durbin

50/50 Drawing – Ron Horak

Finds of the Month:
Metal Detecting –Cliff Vaughan

Gems & Minerals – Janice Davies and Bob Verish

Gold – Jeff Baraglia and Don Starr

Gold Nuggets – Kim Graham, Steve McGovern, Blakely Sanford, Bob Regan, John Howe
and Robert Verish

June’s Quarterly Prize:
The Gold Cube winner was Gene Oliver.

Websites to stay informed with:

BLM NewsBytes – a weekly publication - <http://www.blm.gov/ca/caso/getnewsbytes.html>

Western Mining Alliance – www.westernminingalliance.org

Public Lands for the People (PLP) - <http://plp1.org/home.html>

Supporting the Chapter:

“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.

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.

The Meaning of the Word “Treasure”:

Noun: **treasure**

A quantity of precious metals, gems, or other valuable objects.

synonyms: riches · valuables · jewels · gems · gold · silver · precious metals · money · cash · wealth · fortune · treasure trove

Outings and Events:

July 1st – Wednesday:

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

July 5th – Sunday:

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

July 11th – Saturday:

Club Outing – One Day PICNIC
Dixon Lake, Escondido
Metal Detecting Seeded Hunt, Picnic Lunch, Gold Panning Contest
9:00AM

July 26th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Mission Beach
7:00 am.

August 5th – Wednesday:

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

July 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Parents' Day	27	28	29	30	31	

CLASSIFIEDS:**For Sale:**

North Star fresh water pump with Honda GC135 4.0 Engine.

Discharge Size - 2", Maximum suction head - 26 ft.

Maximum discharge head - 88 ft. Max pressure 38 psi

Maximum flow - 9480 GPH, Passable solid size - 1/8"

Never really been used. Well over \$600.00-\$800.00

Great for prospecting or fire prevention.

Belongs to TSSD. Donation of \$350.00 accepted.

All manuals included.

Contact Chester Nowicki 760-747-1165

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 or serious offer.

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 \$750.00.

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:

Royal Drywasher. Size: Large. Brand New.

Located in La Mesa.

\$400 or best offer.

Contact Mike Gibson - 619-847-6310

**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:

Hitch Mounted Winch Rack

Winch rack (Harbor Freight) that mounts into a hitch receiver on the back of your vehicle. I used it on my 2008 Ford F-1150 and my Jeep Wrangler with a 12,000lb Badlands winch to move rocks. I've never experienced a problem using it and it is in excellent condition. Includes the fair lead. I replaced it with front winch bumper on Jeep. You can pick up the 12,000lb Badlands winch which is highly rated in 4X4 magazines for \$300 (they also have cheaper ones), if you don't already have a winch.

Asking \$40.00.

Contact Gene - 619-507-3169



For Sale:

“Au-nique Vac”

A unique vacuum for removing potentially gold rich dirt that cannot be reached by other means.
Created by our own TSSD Member Greg Heyser.

<http://auniquevac.com/>

Contact Greg Heyser – 619-507-0182



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

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.

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 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
- 1 Au-nique Vac

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.

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 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.

How to read and coordinate your GPS with TSSD Mining Guide:

1. Maps used in Claims Guide are Delorme Maps
2. Measurement is "Statue Miles"
3. GPS Coordinates are "degrees"
4. Datum is "WGS84"
5. Bearing is "True North"

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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