

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message:

We had a great picnic again this year. The metal detecting contest had a turnout of approximately 40 members. Total turnout was around 60 or more. Still the gold panning contest doesn't draw that many who try. The winners of both contests are posted at our website. Thank you all for coming, providing the food and camaraderie and glad you all had fun. Those who still do not come, miss a great event.

By the time you read this, SPMA prospecting group will have had their annual picnic and I will be there to have some more fun. They hold theirs at the beach and they also have a gold panning and beach metal detecting contests. While mentioning SPMA, they are having their annual SPMA yard sale, at their meeting place parking lot, on the 18th of August. Be there early, around 5:00pm, to set up. Bring your prospecting gear that you no longer need.

Jerry is working on something new for our table again. Not only does he give away all those great gold nuggets at the drawing, but now he is planning on having a good one on the table drawing too. Come and check it out.

I want to talk to the whole membership about the GPAA, their claims guide and how claims get into the claims guide. The GPAA has asked me if we have any claims available to use in the claims guide. They are looking for some claims in the Imperial Valley area. We have some great claims and they have a great way of compensating claim owners... Further discussion on what claims will be discussed with the claims committee.

Speaking of claims, the prospecting is so good out at the Summit Claims; we have some problems with other individuals over claiming on our claims. We are working diligently to get this mess cleaned up. It may take the rest of this year to do this, but that is what happens when you have good claims on the books. Come to the claims meeting and get the full details.

We have come into the possession of some three gallon buckets. The price was right so we are going to offer them to the membership for a ridiculously low price to make some funds for our association. Come to the meeting and buy a bunch.

We are supposed to have an outing and metal detecting contest at our outing on the 15th of this month. I don't have all the details here but it is supposed to be at the beach. Hope we get this settled at the general meeting. Then in September, we are planning an outing at the Himalaya Mine for a gem dig.

OK, it's time for me to give up on this message. Come have fun with us, or call us so we can come have fun with you.

Sourdough Chet

Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The July 26th hunt at Mission Beach was quite productive. Everyone found lots of targets. My wife Zee beat us all again with \$6.39 in change and a stainless steel ring, I came up with \$2.65 a junk ring and a quartz watch out in the surf, Robert Hill recovered \$1.61 being there only an hour, Jerry Kaplan had \$3.14 and a live .22 and 9mm shell, Brian Kinnear had 3.17 and two bracelets, Ed Kaesler had \$2.64 and two rings one being a small sterling one. Also present was Cliff Vaughn, Charles King and the world authority on pull tab recovery "Pull tab Johnny" – John Howe world author of Pull Tab Recovery 101 – Advanced Pull Tag Recovery Techniques and the best seller - Pain in the Rear Pull Tab. He did recover \$2.36 a cell phone, set of keys a ring and an uncountable amount of pull tabs.

Next month's hunt will be at Pacific Beach south of the pier at 7 am, or you can come at sunup, on August 23rd and we will meet at 10 am to check out our finds.

Should you have any questions call me at my shop Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516 or you can get me on my cell 760 291-7900.

Hunt Smart!

TSSD Annual Picnic 07-11-2015 Results:

47 members were in attendance.

Metal Detecting Hunt Token Winners:

Michele Silva

Steve Thacker

Rich Hegyi

Robert Waldrip

Jesse Ammon

Kent Cibas

Jim Mears

Gold Panning Contest:

Men's Division:

Brian Winter at 4.69 seconds

Women's Division:

Michele Silva at 4.68 seconds

Children's Division:

Syrus Browning at 16.00 seconds

Gold Nugget Raffle Winner:

Sue Conner

Cell phones off or on vibrate please.

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

We had our July Metal Detecting Outing at Mission Beach on the day after the Fourth. A cloudy day, not too hot, so it was perfect. Although I was expecting better results everybody still found stuff. This was probably because the zamboni had already groomed the beach and there were 10+ detectors already on the beach when we got there at 6:30 am.

We had 13 detectorists and recovered 246+ coins, for \$25.66, 2 junk rings, ear stud, iPhone & Samsung cell phones, a wheatie, and a big, heavy horseshoe stake.. Here are the results in order of cash found:

Michele Silva--came early, left early, ?? coins @ \$4.27, diamond? ear stud, iPhone will be returned.

John Howe--32 coins @ \$3.44

Rich Heygi--45 coins @ \$3.05

Cliff Vaughn--32 coins @ \$2.68, copper ring

Jerry Kaplan--18 coins @ \$2.55

Jeff Fabrizio--23 coins @ \$1.72, 1944 wheat cent, toy truck

Bob Waldrip--17 coins @ \$1.50, Samsung phone

Jack Stangle-- 33 coins @ \$1.43

Brian Winter--7 coins @ \$1.13

Ron Porio--7 coins @ \$0.96

Jim Mears--10 coins @ \$0.92

Brian Kinnear--11 coins @ \$0.90, junk ring

Joe Torres-- 5 coins @ \$0.81, horseshoe game stake

Tom Heffernan--6 coins @ \$0.30 and the winner of the **SKUNK!**

I won't be in town for the August outing on August 9th. So I'm suggesting La Jolla Shores but I'll need a volunteer to take names and finds. I'll send out a reminder email.

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 Robert Cook and Jerry Goldstein on their great presentation on Roaring Camp Mining Co.

To Sue Conner and Ron Gonsalves for preparing and cooking up a great picnic.

To Gary Watson who really, really helped Ron and Sue get set up and packed up from the picnic.

To Dave Faulk and Conrad Eury for covering the PLP table last meeting.

To John Howe for covering the Library table at the last meeting.

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

August's Guest Speaker:

Earl Sterrett on finding and filing for gold claims.

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!*

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Sweet, Spicy and Creamy Peach / Jalapeno Slaw**Ingredients:**

1/3- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
1 cling free peach, diced or mango
1 jalapeño, diced (optional)
1 bag of store bought coleslaw or shred your own cabbage
Salt & pepper, to taste
Zest of 1 lime
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

Preparation:

In a large bowl add mayo, sour cream, salt & pepper, vinegar and lime zest. Whisk until creamy. Next add the slaw, jalapeños and peaches. Toss everything together until well incorporated.

SPECIAL DRAWING

For a "10 Consecutive Day Pass" To LDMA's Duisenburg Claim for the whole family!

To be used at any time.

\$2.00 per Ticket or \$5.00 for 3 Tickets
Drawing once we have reached \$100.00 in sales.

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.

June Meeting Summary:

127 people in attendance

18 New Applications Received

Door Prize: Bill Edison

50/50 Winner: John Howe

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Jason Evans and Frank Huberts

Gems & Minerals: Joe Torres

Gold: Rod & Pat Regan

Gold Nugget Winners:

Gene Oliver, Charlie Freeman, Kent Cibas, Scott Cowell, Linda Starr and Al Trevesar

Septembers “Quarterly Prize”:

*Garrett Ace 350 Metal Detector
And a Garrett Pinpointer*

PLP/MMAC Octoberfest:

Friday, October 9th thru Monday, October 12th, 2015 – Sleepy Bear Mine in Randsburg will be hosting a Octoberfest in honor of Jerry Hobbs. It is \$50.00 per person. Open for gold prospecting, metal detecting, hiking and off roading.

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.

Drywasher/Gold Panning Test Kit (B.B.'s) - \$1.00 per bag.

Buckets – 3 gallon with lid - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

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

Engraved Name Tags - \$12.00 each

Treasure Seekers Pins - \$6.00 each

Rubber Matt pieces - \$1.00 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.

BUCKETS – BUCKETS – BUCKETS – BUCKETS – BUCKETS – BUCKETS!

TSSD now has **BUCKETS with LIDS** to sell!

3 Gallon, food grade buckets **with** Lids!

\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

August Outing:

Saturday – August 15th
Seeded Metal Detecting Hunt
8:30 AM – Registration
9:00 AM – First Hunt

Location: Bonita Cove – bay side, across the street from Mission Beach @ the Belmont Rollercoaster.
Map & directions below.

This will be a seeded hunt, about 1 hour in duration, with coins and tokens planted in the sand. Keep all you find. The tokens will be redeemed for prizes.

Things to bring: metal detector, headphones, sand scoop, pouch or bag for your finds.

There are only 2 rules:
***You must use headphones! You
must dig your own targets!***

Bonita Cove: <https://www.google.com/maps/@32.769414,-117.251759,661m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Bring your own lunch, chair and enjoy a picnic with all of us.
BE SURE TO SIGN UP TONIGHT AT THE BACK TABLE!

SEPTEMBER OUTING:

Sunday, September 20th, 2015

Himalaya Mine Gem Dig

\$50.00 per person if more than 20 people sign up

Dig is from 10:00am until 3:00pm

9:30am Meet at the Lake Henshaw Resort/Campground and Restaurant

Himalaya Mine brings its tailing piles down to the campground for these digs.

Normally a \$75.00 per person value.

Many minerals include: pink and green tourmaline, black tourmaline, quartz crystals, spessertine garnet,
lepidolite, clevelandite and others.

Keep what you find.

NEED YOU TO SIGN UP AT THE BACK TABLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

Outings and Events:

August 5th – Wednesday:

TSSD General Meeting
 210 Park Avenue, Escondido
 6:30pm

August 9th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with John Howe
 La Jolla Shores
 7:00am 'ish
 10:00am meet up to share finds

August 15th – Saturday:

Club Outing – One Day
 Seeded Metal Detecting Contest
 Bonita Cove
 9:00am start time

August 23rd – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
 Pacific Beach – South of the pier
 7:00am
 10:00am meet up to share finds

September 2nd – Wednesday:

TSSD General Meeting
 210 Park Avenue, Escondido
 6:30pm

September 2015 Calendar

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

Moon Phase: ☾ 5 ● 12 ◐ 21 ○ 27

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 \$300.00 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:

“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



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 st meeting:	Complete and turn in a membership application.
2 nd meeting:	You will be given your TSSD membership card.
3 rd 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.

Did you know...

1. If you invite a guest to one of the claims held by TSSD you **MUST** be in attendance. Writing a note or permission slip to be on the claim and prospecting **WITHOUT** you is a **NO-NO**. This is for liability reasons. In the last several months TSSD members have come across people working our claims with these so-called permission slips (and verbal permission) from individual members.
2. A mining claim only holds the rights to the minerals and the land is normally owed by BLM. But there are laws and regulations that govern a mining claim and the liabilities that go with it. And we, as Treasure Seekers of San Diego, need to protect our rights and liabilities to our claims.
3. The same goes for the GPAA claims. Please refer to the GPAA mining claim handbook for their rules.
4. Treasure Seekers of San Diego looks forward to many good years of prospecting for the members and we do not want to lose any of our claims due to a violation. Again guests are always welcome – but you need to be in attendance with their presence. And they must sign TSSD's liability form in order to prospect.

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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