

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message:

Here it is December. Where did this year go? What did we do this year???

Well, in January, David Rice gave a presentation on the Plaster City trip. Don Starr gave a presentation of a trammel he built for less than \$40.00. We also had a field trip to the Hall of Fame claim. Jerry Hobbs had just passed away and I remember we had a moment of silence to honor him.

In Feb. we participated in the Pomona Gold Show. It was good. We shared in the take with four or five other chapters. Our guest speakers at the Feb. meeting were Ralph Lewis and Richard Decheck who both spoke on Kokoweef, the River of Gold.

In March, Betty and Tony Krutch Johnson spoke about their place up in Alaska and how it operates. Our outing was at the Indian Flats campground. Some went metal detecting in the campground and some went hunting for gems and any other exciting finds. We also heard about some other claims up in the Cajon Pass area that is open to GPAA members.

In April Walt Wegner, the new president of PLP was our guest speaker. He talked about many things the PLP was doing and about the passing of Jerry Hobbs. Our outing was at the Freedom claim. We talked about many of the upcoming events and about the election of our new TSSD officers.

In May, we introduced our newly elected officer panel and you know who they are. Sam Radding was our guest speaker and he always has a lot of various prospecting topics, whether it's drywashing in the desert or sniping in the rivers and streams. We were also asked to put up a TSSD display at the California for the Arts. That went over great and we got a lot of positive comments from visitors to the Center. A number of us participated in re-staking some of our claims out in the Summit Range area.

In June, we were asked to put up a display and participate in the Julian Gold Rush at the Julian Mining Company. We offered ourselves up to give free gold panning and metal detecting events to the children who came to see. We also set up a booth at the Bates Nut Farm for their Valley Center yard sale. Our guest speaker was Lee Darling and his topic was about dowsing. We also had an outing at Bonita Cove. I believe Kalina won the woman's gold panning contest. I won the men's we had a pan-off where she won the big title.

Most important event in July is our annual picnic. We have a metal detecting contest and a gold panning contest too. Lots of fun and many showed up. Sometimes, I think the same members show up every year. We need something to bring out the new members.

July, our guest speakers were Jerry Goldstein and Robert Cook. They took us on adventure through Roaring Camp and what they did while there.

In August, our guest speaker was Earl Sterrett and he gave us some very interesting information on filing claims and how to look for claim information on the LR2000.

President's Message con't:

September, our guest speaker was Michele Silva, Kalina C. and Don Starr. Don talked about the MMAC and Kalina and Michele talked about having a show and tell from the members about their personal crafts and hobbies. Our outing was at the Himalaya Mines for some interesting gems. Some came away with some interesting finds and some came away with very little...

October finally came and the PLP Sleepy Bear Octoberfest event was here. We have been talking about it all year and finally we got to go. Many of our members were present. Our outing was at the Little Bit claim, and our speakers were our members and their personal crafts and hobbies they work on. Different and very interesting. There is a lot of talent in our members.

November was the TSSD Rendezvous. Don and Linda Starr, Michele Silva, Jerry Goldstein and I put on a very great Rendezvous for five different prospecting clubs. We didn't have the participation from members as we anticipated but it went over great. If anything, we learned a lot for any future events such as this. Thank you Don and Linda for helping me get this event started.

Our Christmas event is our last event for this year and I would like to see more of the new members there.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Sourdough Chet

TONIGHT! Drawing for December's Quarterly Prize!

A beautiful 12.98 gram GOLD Nugget!



Cell phones off or on vibrate please.

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

Our La Jolla Shores went well. This is probably the most hunted beach in the San Diego area. Larry Bridgeforth came up with 10 coins for \$1.42, Jerry Kaplan got 14 coins for \$1.09, Brian Kinnear with 8 coins for 38 cents and an earring, John Howe (aka Pull Tab Johnny) had 18 coins for \$1.71, Larry Shute had 6 coins and a toe ring, my wife Zee had 18 coins for 88 cents and I had \$2.12 in coins.

Next months' hunt will be at Mission Beach at the parking lot south of the roller coaster at 7 am or so until 10 am where we will show our finds or complain. Everyone is welcome. Should you have any questions, give me a call at my shop Columbia Metal Detectors at 760 743-8516 or on my cell phone 760 291-7900.

Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

We had our November Metal Detecting outing on the 8th at Ocean Beach. Another great beach day. We had a total of 7 hunters and everybody found \$\$\$. As a group, we found 166 coins for \$ 13.09. Not the best but beach season is waning. The only jewelry was a "maybe" pearl ear stud.

Here's the summary in order of \$\$\$ found:

Rich Heygi 49 coins @ \$3.64
John Howe 28 coins @ \$2.62, dog name tag
Cliff Vaughn 22 coins @ \$1.98, toy car, and lighter
Brian Winter 31 coins @ \$1.58, "pearl" earring
Brian Kinnear 22 coins @ \$1.57
Jerry Kaplan 13 coins @ \$1.45 and the winner of the **SKUNK**

Gordon Prigge 1 coin @0.25 a newbie and had to leave early.
Newbies get a skunk pass.

The December hunt falls on the same day as the club Christmas Party so we'll stay up north in case someone wants to hunt before the party. We'll try Oceanside Harbor on Dec 6. Details will follow.

John

In 1881, [Alexander Graham Bell](#) invented the first metal detector. As [President James Garfield](#) lay dying of an assassin's bullet, Alexander Graham Bell hurriedly invented a crude metal detector in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the fatal slug. Bell's metal detector was an electromagnetic device he called the induction balance.

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 6TH, 2015



Doors open at 3pm

Dinner will be served at 5pm

Madrid Manor

1401 El Norte Parkway

San Marcos, CA 92069

Main Club House

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.

Sign up at the membership table!

Questions or concerns – please contact Ron Gonsalves or Sue Conner

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

A Tradition for over 1500 years. From the time of Pharos to the present.

A Southern Tradition.

Brings fortune and good luck.

But only eat 365 beans, one of each day of the year, any more than that and the luck may turn bad.

Texas Caviar

Ingredients:

- 2 (15.8 ounce) cans black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes, drained
- 2 fresh medium jalapenos, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 1 small onion, cut into small dice
- 1/2 yellow or red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and cut into small dice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 6 tablespoons red wine vinegar

- 6 tablespoons olive oil (not extra virgin)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl; cover and refrigerate 2 hours or up to 2 days. Before serving, adjust seasonings to taste, adding extra vinegar, salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving bowl.

Membership Cards

All orange colored Membership cards have expired.

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

November Meeting Summary:

169 people in attendance

16 New Applications Received and 3 Renewals

Door Prize: John Davis

50/50 Winner: Mary Troseth

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Kalina C and John Davis

Gems & Minerals: Bob and Kalina

Gold: Tim Eakin and Ryan Romaine

Gold Nugget Winners:

Ron Regan (twice!), Larry Own, Mark Gartland, John Howe and Ron Horak

LDMA 10 Day Pass:

Leon Brillion

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE:

Tired of always knowing about Political actions that include land grabs, mineral rights, etc at the last moment?

Bill Myers would like to start a Political Action Committee (PAC) for Treasure Seekers of San Diego with the blessing of the Board.

If you are interested in being in 'front' of the game please contact Bill at 760.439.8521 or billmyers1729@gmail.com

How to identify your US representative: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

How to identify your Senator: <http://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/>

Outings and Events:

December 2nd – Wednesday:

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

December 6th – Sunday:

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

December 6th – Sunday:

Annual Christmas Dinner
Madrid Manor – Main Clubhouse
3:00 pm – Doors Open
5:00pm - Dinner

December 27th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Mission Beach
7:00am
10:00am meet up to share finds

January 6th – Wednesday:

TSSD General Meeting

DECEMBER 2015

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
49			1	2	3	4	5
50	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11	12
51	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
52	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
53	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
						www.blankcalendar2014.com	

2016 OUTING SCHEDULE:

January 16 th & 17 th , 2016:	Friendly Fox Claim
February 21 st (Sunday), 2016:	Ranchita Claim
March 19 th & 20 th , 2016:	Hauser Field (Geode Beds)
April 16 th & 17 th , 2016:	Freedom Claim
May 21 st (Saturday), 2016:	Lucerne Dry Lake Bed – Meteorite
June 18 th (Saturday), 2016:	Warner Springs Gem Claim
July 17 th (Sunday), 2016:	Annual Picnic – Dixon Lake
August 20 th (Saturday), 2016:	Blue Cut/Cleghorn area
September 18 th (Sunday), 2016:	Seeded Metal Detecting Hunt – Bonita Cove
October 15 th & 16 th , 2016:	Hall of Fame Claim
November 19 th (Saturday), 2016:	Geology Tour with David Rice
December 2016:	Annual Christmas Party – Date to be announced

As always...the above dates and locations are subject to change.

Complete TSSD 2016 Calendar will be available for pick up at the January meeting.

“YEAR END” SALE:

Only for the month of December!

\$1.00 each (with lid)

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



Great for gold mining, gem hunting, storing items, storing food, storing animal feed and the list goes on.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Judy Carpenter and Sue Conner for all their help with the membership.

To Aaron Klapa for his excellent letter to Congressional Representative regarding land closures.

To John Cunningham for speaking on behalf of AMRA.

To Don Starr for speaking on behalf of MMAC.

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

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!*

*** Limit your finds of the month to your ten (10) best finds ***

Too Much “Chatter”:

Way too much personal chatter (conversation) is going on during the meeting.

You will be asked to take your conversation outside.

This is in consideration of those that come to ‘hear’ the meeting.

Membership Cards are to be worn:

Your “gold” colored Membership cards are to be worn at the meetings.

This way we know that you are already a member.

Not to be stored in your claims guide or in a drawer.

New TSSD Claim Maps:

New TSSD Claim maps will be at handed out at the meeting. You **MUST** have your membership card with you, and be an existing claim guide holder (we have a rooster of who has purchased the guides) to be able to receive these maps. How it will be disbursed will be announced at the meeting.

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>

American Mining Rights Association – <http://americanminingrights.com/>

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 – \$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.

CLASSIFIEDS:

For Sale:

Garrett Infinium, call for details.
 Contact Frank Trutta 760 743-8516 or 760 291-7900.

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



For Sale:

Puffer Drywasher

\$200.00

Contact Mike Gibson – 619-847-6310



For Sale:

White's GMT; like new only a year old still under warranty. Including a set of white's headphones.

\$599.00.

Contact Cliff Vaughn - 619-449-6941 or email at cliff.vaughan@live.com



For Sale:

Fisher CZ 7a pro with 8" coil and an 5" coil. A set of fisher headphones in both excellent condition.

\$299.00.

Contact Cliff Vaughn - 619-449-6941 or email at cliff.vaughan@live.com



TSSD Membership:

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge 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.

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| 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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