

# FINDERS KEEPERS

*Editor: Charlene Myers*

## **Presidents Message:**

Hauser Geode Beds was great. We did find some. We went out earlier than others, so we didn't see other members of our group. We found many of those geodes that were previously broken into so we knew we were in the right area. The weather was perfect.

A number of our members went to the BLM Roundtable in Ridgecrest. Very interesting meeting. There is some from the MMAC, Minerals and Mining Advisory Council who are lobbying federal lawmakers to work on passing a bill that will allow some pressure to be taken off the BLM, Bureau of Land Management and let the miners and mining industry be policed by the miners again as they were in the 1800's.

Before the BLM, miners had to form groups, committees, or called then, Mining Districts. Each district was different because of the areas they were located in. This caused them to write bylaws that pertained to the particular areas that were called districts. Present day miners who want to participate in this policing method need to find these old bylaws for their area(s) and go from there to organize your groups with others that are doing the same. It's not that simple, but as you grow to understand this, contact the MMAC at [www.mmacusa.org](http://www.mmacusa.org) to get the full information.

I would like to introduce a new member of our organization to the TSSD. His Name is Curt Timmons and he owns the Little Digger Mining Supply in Johannesburg, CA. Amongst other things, he has volunteered to oversee our claims out in the Summit Range. If you are heading out to this area, feel free to stop by and say hi and get any information you may want or need. He has some claims of his own in this area and has volunteered to let us work some group outings and also use his parking area for association get together. He is located right across the street from the gas station/small store as you enter Johannesburg. Oh, and if you forget some of the mining supplies you were to purchase from our local vendors, he has a supply as well.

We have our Freedom Claim outing this month. It will be interesting to see who is there and who was there. We have some of those Overclaimers that the BLM has allowed to file claims within our areas and we also have the LDMA Duiesenburg outing the week before and we always seem to have some of them who like to stroll out upon our good claim areas. Let's all have a great time.

Sourdough Chet



### **Searching the Beaches:**

By Frank Trutta

The hunt for March was at Mission Beach. Since there was a low tide we went out around one in the afternoon. Trying to find a parking space was a nightmare as the weather happened to be a perfect beach day for sun bathers. It took me about 20 minutes roaming the parking lots to find a space to park. That turned out to be my big find of the day. Everyone found some coins, nothing of any interest out in the low tide area. Brian Winters found 56 coins and a tungsten carbide ring, Brian Kinnear had 23 cents, John Howe found 48 cents Gene Edwards got \$1.50, Paul Mullins had 7 coins I got \$1.22 and my wife Zee showed everyone up with a small gold band.

The hunt for April 24th will be at Pacific Beach at sun up or whenever you want to come. We will meet at 10:00 to show off our treasures or complain. 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

Well, March 6th wasn't the best detecting day at Ocean Beach. I guess only hard-core detectorists wanted to come to the beach on a miserable day. That would be me and Jerry Kaplan. Brian Kinnear was there for the Coinshooters hunt at noon when the weather was MUCH better. The morning started out ok, but soon changed for the worst. Rain + wind forced us into a restaurant across the street to dry out and warm up. As far as finds went, we both found less than a buck and no jewelry or anything interesting. Jerry and I stayed and hunted with the Coinshooters after the sun came out. Much more enjoyable hunting in the sun. Again, no spectacular finds, but there's always next month.

For the April outing, The Coinshooters are having their Mini-hunt on April 10th, the same day as our scheduled hunt. I'll be going to that hunt, because I like finding lots of targets. I'm tentatively suggesting Mission Beach since it's across the street. I'll have more info later.

John

### **Election of Officers – Tonight:**

Elections for TSSD's President and Treasurer are being held tonight.

If you are interested in either of these positions please be sure to give your name to Jerry Kaplan or Charlene Myers who are the nominating committee for this election.

**Miner's Cookbook Corner:**

By Judy Carpenter

**Boston Cream Poke Cake****Ingredients:**

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix (plus box ingredients)
- 2 small boxes (3.4 oz) Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix
- 4 cup Milk
- 1 container Chocolate Frosting

**Instructions:**

- Prepare cake in 13x9" pan according to box directions.
- Use spoon handle to poke holes evenly across cake.
- Combine milk and pudding mix and whisk until well blended.
- Pour pudding over cake making sure it gets down into holes.
- Refrigerate cake for several hours to allow pudding to settle and set up.
- Open frosting container and remove foil seal.
- Microwave for 15 seconds and stir. Repeat this until frosting is pourable.
- Pour over pudding layer and spread with spatula to cover completely.
- Refrigerate for at least several more hours.

**Thank you – You Make a Difference!**

To Jim Clanin for his presentation on “The Fundamentals of Mining for Gemstones and Mineral Specimens”.

To Earl Sterrett for his hard work on filing the needed IRS forms for TSSD.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in all 3 categories.

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

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

### **April Outing - TSSD Freedom Claim:**

Treasure Seekers of San Diego will be holding their monthly outing, Saturday and Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Freedom Claim (located in the TSSD mining claim guide).

It is approximately 3 hours north of Escondido and approximately 180 miles.

There is plenty of room for tents, vehicles, motorhomes and trailers.

### **Dry Camping only No hookups No Bathrooms.**

This claim is known for lots of fine gold to flakes and some smaller nuggets. Drywashing, Metal Detecting and Dowsing is recommended. The previous owner of this claim dug many holes and the piles of overburden can be accessed easily. In these piles of overburden is where the gold has been found. Gold has also been found in the caliche.

When out there, don't forget to go check and prospect the other three claims that are in the immediate area. They are: "Smokin'", "Little Bit" and "Splash" which can be found in the TSSD claim guide. All are in an easy drive of each other.

### **Directions to the claim:**

Hwy. 15 North to Hwy. 395 North. The claim is approximately 75 miles from this junction.

You can get fuel and ice in Kramer Junction or Adelanto which is a few miles up the road and has many gas stations, food and a Wal-Mart near #395 and #18. You can get water in Johannesburg.

As you enter Johannesburg, look for the street called "St. Elmo" (has a mini market on the corner) turn left. Travel a few blocks and you will see the Johannesburg Water Dept. building on your left (light brown in color with large trees). Here you can load up with water from a metered hose out in the front. They charge a few cents per gallon. You pay your money through a slot in the office door. Since the water is so cheap, most of us give a 'tip' to help keep this operation going.

Go back out to Hwy. 395 and head north.

As you head down hill you will cross a railroad track. Once passed the tracks there will be a road marked with a white barrel with a LDMA sign on it.

The street sign is called RM 26. Turn right. Travel through the LDMA (Duisenburg) claim and campground. *Please remember to do **10 mph** while going through their camp.*

You will cross the railroad tracks, bearing left.

It is suggested that you travel along the railroad tracks, past the claim and then backtrack to the claim on the well traveled dirt road. This is the easiest road into the claim for all vehicles.

Please enjoy yourselves..... find lots of gold..... And know what claim you are on by the GPS readings.

Many, many claims are right adjacent to TSSD's.

## **Political Action Committee:**

Please be sure to sign the petition ‘against/opposing’ the current language in the BLM 2017 Budget Proposal regarding the increase in “the annual maintenance fees under the General Mining Law of 1872 and eliminates the fee exemption for miners holding ten or fewer mining claims” (page BH-12, paragraph 3 under Hardrock Mining Reform). This does not pertain to just Hard-rock mining. If you read the actual language, it is written to be inclusive and will affect placer claims.

The petition is addressed to Congressman Ken Calvert, Representative of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, South Riverside County, who is the Chairman of the Interior Subcommittee Members.

For more information go to:

[http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wo/Communications\\_Directorate/public\\_affairs/news\\_release\\_attachments.Par.33862.File.dat/FY2017\\_BIB\\_BH007.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wo/Communications_Directorate/public_affairs/news_release_attachments.Par.33862.File.dat/FY2017_BIB_BH007.pdf)

## **Websites to stay informed with:**

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

Western Mining Alliance – [www.westernminingalliance.org](http://www.westernminingalliance.org)

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

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

Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) - <http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/>

## **Mining Laws:**

USFS/FSM (Forest Service Manual) 2800 – Minerals and Geology, Chapter 2810 – Mining Laws:  
[www.fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsm/2800/2810.doc](http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsm/2800/2810.doc) *This is a PDF file well worth the read.*

## **Know the Difference:**

TSSD is not a ‘club’ nor are we ‘recreational miners’.

We are a ‘Association’ which ties us to the 1872 mining laws and we are “small miners”.

Use these terms when approached by any law enforcement official while out mining.

And **ALWAYS** have your claims guide and current membership card with you.

## **Interested in Joining Us?**

Please come to the sign in table at break and fill out an application.

**March Meeting Summary:**

176 people in attendance

24 New Applications Received

Door Prize: Chad Gonnella

50/50 Winner: Michele Silva

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Brian Kinnear and Frank Huberts

Gems & Minerals: Jason Evans

Gold: Don Starr and Jason Evans

Gold Nugget Winners:

Martin Trotter, Dave Hale, Kaline Caltagirone, Dave Gatley and Dan McGuigan

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector:

Dave Hale

March Quarterly Drawing:

Garrett Ace 350 Metal Detector – Barbara Heyser

**Attendance Year:**

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has an unusual attendance year. We were founded in May and our elections are held in April. Thus our yearly attendance requirement runs from May to April. You are required to attend a meeting every three (3) months in order to maintain your membership status.

**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.

**May 2016 Meeting – New Membership Cards will be issued:**

At the May 2016 Meeting – the NEW membership cards will be issued.

If you have attended a meeting in the last 3 months – you will have a card.

### 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 - \$1.00 each.

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

Engraved Name Tags - \$12.00 each

Rubber Matt pieces - \$1.00 each

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$250.00 bags available for purchase.

Claims Guides - \$30.00 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 2017 meeting.

### JUNE Quarterly Drawing: Garrett Ace 400 Metal Detector Brand New for 2016



**Outings and Events:**

- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido  
6:30pm
  
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe  
Ocean Beach  
Time to be announced.
  
- April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday & Sunday:  
Club Outing  
TSSD – Freedom Claim  
Hwy. 395 near Randsburg, CA
  
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta  
Pacific Beach  
Sun Up  
10:00 am - meet up to share finds
  
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido  
6:30pm

**APRIL 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 April Fools' Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day  Passover begins at sunset	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Arbor Day	30



**TSSD Membership:**

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual due. 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 quarter.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting: | Complete and turn in a membership application.                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting: | You will be given your TSSD membership card.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Conduct and Code of Ethics**

Members shall conduct themselves in the highest ethical standards and reflect no discredit upon this association. This standard shall be one of the qualifications for membership in this association. Any violation of these standards shall be deemed grounds for expulsion.

**Membership**

**Active:** Attending monthly meetings and a GPAA member having full voting rights.

**Associate:** Member of the TSSD - Non member of GPAA - and interested in the betterment of the TSSD organization with the rights to speak but no right to make motions or vote.

**Members unable to attend meetings** - Members are normally dropped after missing three or more meetings, with the exception of military members.

**CLASSIFIEDS:****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 place a classified ad ~ please submit to [charlenemyers@cox.net](mailto:charlenemyers@cox.net) before the 20<sup>th</sup> 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
- 1 Au-nique Vac
- Numerous Metal Detectors – Pioneer, Torrso Bandido, Torrso Lobo and others

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 from when it was checked out.** Equipment is located at Valley Rose Self Storage, 1566 E. Valley Parkway 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 \$30.00 (Thirty 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](mailto: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. A Non-Profit 501(c)4.

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

### Board Members

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