

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Chester Nowicki

08-10-1939 to 05-24-2016

May he be at Peace.

Chester and approximately 15 others formed Treasure Seekers of San Diego and held the first election of officers on May 21, 2003, having separated from a Vista Gold group.

From May 2003 to June 2006, Chester held the position of Ways and Means Director and Article Writer for the group.

In June 2006 to May 2016, Chester held the position of President of our Association and guided us through a tremendous growing spurt.

Here is Chester's very first paragraph as President of Treasure Seekers of San Diego (July 2006):

"I've been writing articles for our newsletter since we first started this association. I wrote some articles for the Temecula group too. I also wrote articles for our Vista club and now that I am President, I'm lost for words."

Well, we all knew that Chester was never at a loss of words.

His enthusiasm for the great outdoors and teaching others about fishing, shooting, gold and gem hunting will be a part of us forever. He loved to educate the younger children about "getting out and exploring". He loved it when he was invited to present California Gold Rush Days to the 4th graders at the local schools and events. No one could ever match his presentation.

We were all honored to know him and be a part of his life in some way.

He held a special place in all of our hearts and he would want Treasure Seekers of San Diego to carry on.

Rest in Peace Sourdough Chet



Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The last beach hunt was at Mission Beach out from the parking lot up to the roller coaster area. Since our last hunt there a lot of new sand was brought up onto the beach covering many of the targets. The targets were either real deep around 12 inches or new drops real shallow.

A few of us made it out there, Cliff Vaughan, Paul Mullins and myself. No one found anything of value other than a few coins and I found a Tungsten Carbide ring out in the low tide area. With all of the new sand on the beach and the increasing summer crowds the dry sand hunting should pick up.

Next month our hunt on June 26th will be at Pacific Beach south of the Pier at sun-up or whenever you get there and we will meet a 10 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 Frank Trutta covering for John Howe

The La Jolla hunt (John was out of town) did not produce any good finds except Cliff Vaughan found a Tiffany silver necklace. Four of us showed up at around sun-up. The weather was a perfect day for the beach. With the cool weather we have been having I do not think many people were coming to the beach. The dry sand area has been wet so when items are dropped they do not disappear into the sand, plus it looks like a lot of sand has moved by up on the beach.

Remarks by John Howe:

I don't have the results from the May detecting outing as I was detecting some east Florida beaches. Maybe Frank will have something to report. FYI, I found no doubloons or any other interesting treasures. Only about \$15 and a couple of junk rings. It was still fun.

For the June outing, I'm thinking about South Mission Beach near the river with the many volleyball courts unless I get a better suggestion. It'll be on June 5th and I'll send out a reminder.

p.s. There'll be a really big minus tide that day but probably too early for most of us.

John

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.

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

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

Tonight's Guest Speaker:

Will be Gary Eckert (TSSD member) with his presentation on homemade mining equipment. A few years ago when Gary did this presentation we all found it very interesting and informative.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Baked Parmesan Zucchini**Ingredients -**

4 Zucchini, quartered lengthwise
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 Sea salt or Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley leaves

Try to always use the freshest ingredients as possible

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a cooling rack with nonstick spray and place on a baking sheet; set aside.

In a small bowl, combine Parmesan, thyme, oregano, basil, garlic powder, salt and pepper, to taste.

Place zucchini onto prepared baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with Parmesan mixture. Place into oven and bake until tender, about 15 minutes. Then broil for 2-3 minutes, or until crisp and golden brown.

Serve immediately, garnished with parsley, if desired.

Pick up your new 2016-2017 membership card tonight.

If you have attended a meeting since January 2016 – you will have a card.

All Gold colored membership cards are now expired.

June Outing:

Warner Springs Claim – Saturday, June 18th, 2016.

“MIGHT” be cancelled as that is the same day the Memorial Service for Chet is “tentatively” scheduled.

You will be informed by an e-mail announcement closer to the date of outing.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Keith Meldhal for his excellent presentation on “Surf, Sand, and Stone: How waves, Earthquakes, and Other Forces Shape the Southern California Coast”.

To Judy Carpenter, Sue Conner and Cathy Conner for assisting in handing out all the new membership cards.

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

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/>

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 *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 the beginning of break and fill out an application.

May Meeting Summary:

173 people in attendance

2 New Applications Received and 5 Renewal Applications

Door Prize: Jamie Kinder

50/50 Winner: Brian Winter

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Brian Kinnear and Frank Huberts

Gems & Minerals: Bryan Evans and Michele Silva

Gold: Rod Hall and Randy Oyler

Gold Nugget Winners:

Martin Garcia, Jerry Duke a two time winner, Roy Garcia III and Pat Regan

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector:

Dan McGuigan

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 "blue" colored Membership cards are to be worn at the meetings and while at the claims.

This way we know that you are already a member.

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

WANTED:

Claims Committee Chairperson:

TSSD is now searching for a new Claims Committee Chairperson.

If you are interested please contact Klaus Gohlke and/or Robert Cook who can give you specific details of the position.

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.

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:

- June 1st – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

- June 5th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
South Mission Beach near the River
Sun Up
10:00 am – meet up to share finds

- June 18th – Saturday: Club Outing
TSSD/SPMA Warner Springs Claim

- June 26th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Pacific Beach south of the pier
Sun Up
10:00 am - meet up to share finds

- July 6th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

June 2016

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

This article was submitted by Jim Mears.

With a note: They say minerals and that is us. Also they have changed law in New Mexico and California. Read on:

THE ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

“California and the New National Monuments”

CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee

John Martin – Committee Chair plac@antelecom.net

It seems that the hot topic going around right now is what is happening in the Southern California Deserts in regards to collecting of rocks, minerals and fossils on public lands. So, just a brief history of what has happened. In 1994 Senator Diane Feinstein introduced Senate Bill S.21: California Desert Protection Act of 1994. After much debate it was passed and signed into law by the President. The bill created 71 Wilderness Areas in the California Desert Conservation Area and withdrew 105,197,277 acres (100,273.26 Sq. Miles) of public lands from most forms of public access. In most of the 71 wilderness areas Rock and Mineral collecting was allowed, only if you could reach the collecting sites by foot or horseback and use only non-powered Hand Tools.

Over the next 22 years Senator Feinstein and others introduced additional bills to congress to withdraw more of California lands from public access. Most of the bills met resistance in congress and died in committee. They never made it to the house or senate floor for debate. Note: Bills introduced during a session of congress if not passed during that session die in committee at the end of that session. Some were re-introduced at the start of the next session and the cycle started over. Basically wilderness legislation stopped but the environmental and conservation lobby pick up where legislation failed and more collecting areas were closed due to legislation and litigation of wildlife and wildlife habitat protection through the Endangered Species Act. Over the past 20 years the Recreational Rockhound has lost over 75% of the pre 1994 collecting areas of Southern California through legislation, conservation and wildlife habitat regulations and restrictions. Out of the remaining 25% of the open public lands in the deserts of California the creation of the 4 new National Monuments in Southern California, San Gabriel National Monument, Mojave Trails National Monument, Sand to Snow National Monument and the Castle Mountain National Monument another 1.8 Million acres are now restricted to what human activities are acceptable. Prior to the creation of the national monuments in California there were several bills going through congress that were trending to be favorable to the recreationist and environmentalist alike and would have probably past congress and became law.

At which time Recreational Rockhounding would have been allowed by legislation and the American Recreational Rockhound would have had a chair in each of the monument's management teams. That did not happen and the monuments were created by Presidential Proclamation which has, at this time, made it unlawful to remove any rocks, minerals or fossils from within the boundaries of the established national monuments. (Read the Proclamations not the hype on the internet) In each of the proclamations it states that within 3 years from the date of the signing of the proclamation the Monument Management Agency (BLM, USFS, NPS) will submit to the Secretary of the Interior and to congress a National Monument Management Plan. This plan is where the Recreational Rockhound will have the authority to collect rocks and minerals for non-commercial, personal and educational use.

The management plan has started within the BLM. Three BLM district Managers have been tasked with creating the plan and at the appropriate time in the process, the plan will be released for public input and comment. This is the time period in which we, the Recreational Rockhound, must make our inputs and comments known to the Land Managers that are making the decisions to allow collecting of rocks and minerals. If Recreational Rockhounding is not listed in the management plan collecting will not be

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allowed. This work has already started with the gathering of collecting site information, attending BLM Public meetings, joining advisory groups, contacting BLM offices and discussing the issues, contacting elected official's offices and voicing our personal concerns. Through personal experience, when I have attended public meetings, the recreational Rockhound is usually out numbered at least 4 to 1 by the groups which do not want recreational rockhounding recognized as a recreational activity. I am only one voice and to make Recreational Rockhounding a recognized activity it will take a lot more voices, yes the voices of the 8,747 members of the CFMS, supporting this recreational activity.

In closing I just want to state that I know that people are still going to collecting areas like Lavic Siding, Afton Canyon the Cady Mountains and others that now lie inside the national monuments. Please keep in mind that it is unlawful to remove rocks and minerals from the monument. I also have talked to the BLM office and managers responsible for the monuments and they have stated verbally that recreational activities that were allowed before the creation of the monuments are going to be allowed to continue for the time being or until they receive new instructions. They have also stated verbally they do not have the resources to patrol the monuments looking for violations. They have also stated verbally they probably and most likely will not go looking at the known collecting sites and issue citations or confiscate your equipment or vehicles. Just keep in mind if you do venture to the new national monuments in southern California with the intention of collecting the jaspers, agates and minerals found throughout the monuments, you are breaking federal law as it stands today. That is the reason that Recreational Rockhounding must be included in the monument management plans.

Information of CRMS (California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.) can be found at:

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

WANTED:

Claims Guide Producer and Seller for TSSD.

1. Must be able to make all meetings.
2. Must be able to use Excel Program.
3. Must be able to insert information into an Excel Program.
4. Must be able to keep the Board Members and Directors informed of sales status and database after each General meeting.
5. Must be accountable for all monies to the Board Meeting following the General meeting.
6. Must be able to understand that claims guides are not to be sold until the members 3rd meeting.
7. Must be able to read the TSSD membership card and Excel database for the above information.
8. Must be able to produce, purchase and put together the Claims Guide with reimbursement from TSSD with appropriate receipts.
9. And more.

If interested, please see Charlene Myers, at the end of the meeting.

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.

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.

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.

How many is too many?

How many 'guests' on our claims is too many?

Re-read your Claim Rules and Regulations that you signed when signing your membership application (a copy is in the claims guide – 3rd page, 3rd paragraph).

“The TSSD claims are for the use of TSSD members only. A guest can only go to the organization claims with a TSSD member. A limit of 2 guests with an additional 2 guests by permission of the TSSD President. The guest is limited to two visits and then must then become a member of the TSSD and purchase a TSSD Claims Guide. Unruly guests are the responsibility of the corresponding TSSD member.”

So those of you who invite more than 2 guests, time after time after time, are in violation of TSSD Claim Rules and Regulations and will place you in a NOT good standing with the association and your membership can (and will) be withdrawn.

Police yourself.

Don't ruin it for yourself or others.

CLASSIFIEDS:**For Sale:**

One week (Sunday to Sunday), in cabin, at Roaring Camp Mining Co., located in Pine Grove, CA.
Usable through May to September 2016, depending on availability of time requested.

\$600.00 or best offer.

Contact: Kay Byrne – 760.505.7575

For Sale:

1. Crevice Pumps – Large, Medium and Small. All three - \$25.00



2. Bausch & Lomb Microscope on boom stand. Great for looking at large ore & rock specimens. \$300.00

3. Ohaus triple beam balance and 18 piece calibration weight set (10mg – 200g). \$25.00

4. New Keene ½” & 100 mesh classifiers - \$10.00 ea.

5. Mining Journal Magazine. 84 issues dating from 2009. \$30.00



6. Coleman camp grill. Unused. \$25.00



7. Bear Canister. \$25.00

Contact Steve Thacker at 760-751-4247 or thackersc@aol.com will have items at June meeting.

For Sale:

Keene Cyclone Wet or Dry Gold Pan and Mining Kit.

Asking \$50.00

Contact Mike Gibson - 619-847-6310

**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 before 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
1 Au-nique Vac
Numerous Metal Detectors – Pioneer, Torrsso Bandido, Torrsso 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 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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