TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

August 2016

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

PRESIDENT POSTION:

The position of President is open for nominations.

Election will take place at the September 7th General Meeting.

Nominating committee is Jerry Kaplan, Ron Gonsalves and Michele Silva. Their contact information is located on the last page.

If you are interested, please contact one (or all) of the above committee members and let them know.

The President is an elected official with a two (2) year term and must be a GPAA member. Since Chester was just re-elected his term will expire in April 2018.

Qualifications as per our Bylaws:

President

Shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall be primarily responsible for the operations of the Corporation. He/She shall be responsible to set goals and direction, and to implement programs to achieve them. As determined by the Board, the President/Chairperson shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall be knowledgeable of Roberts Rules of Order. As Chairperson of the Board, the President shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall sign all deeds and conveyances, all contracts and agreements, and all other instruments requiring execution on behalf of the Corporation, and shall act as operating and directing head of the Corporation, subject to policies and limitations established by the Board of Directors. In case of the permanent absence or inability of the President/Chairperson to act, that office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors and a successor shall be chosen by the Board, subject to the approval or disapproval of the general members at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. (taken from TSSD's Bylaws)

The President also:

- Renew contract with Joslyn Senior Center for use of auditorium every November/December.
- Files form SI-100 Statement of Information with the California Secretary of State that shows that we are still a Corporation and a list of current officers each year.
- File Tax Statement with the San Diego County Board of Equalization (BOE) on the items sold during the year (dowsing rods, gold bags, etc.)
- File a list of elected Officers each year with the San Diego County Board of Equalization (BOE). This requires 'original' (or 'wet') signatures of the officers and their driver license.

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Presidents Position – continued from page 1:

- File with GPAA a list of current, elected officers.
- File the yearly application, form CT-NRP-1, to the State of California, Department of Justice DOJ for having raffles.
- File monthly form CT-NRP-2, monthly income and expenses of each raffle, to the Department of Justice (DOJ)
- File with the State of California, State FTB form 199-N.
- File with the Federal Government, form 990-N.
- Overseas all positions/duties pertaining to Treasure Seekers of San Diego.

And all the other, non-listed, aspects of the position of President of a Not for Profit 501(4) c.

TSSD has a Post Office Box:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego now has a Post Office Box for all its correspondence.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego P. O. Box 300941 Escondido, CA 92030

TSSD Claim Owners:

Your signature is needed now for all your claims. See Robert Cook at the August 3rd General Meeting to sign appropriate paperwork.

Buying Gold:

TSSD is buying gold!

And we are paying 'spot' price (current price).

We are in need of NUGGETS, 7 to 15 grain or larger.

Nuggets must be 'dry' (not in water).

Please see Jerry Goldstein or Big C if you are interested in selling any of your gold nuggets.

All Gold colored membership cards are now expired.

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The last beach hunt to Pacific Beach turned out very well with a lot of items recovered. There was a low tide giving us a huge wet sand area to hunt.

Larry Bridgeforth recovered the best item a heavy 14K gold men's band and \$2.47, John Howe recovered \$4.48, a thin gold bracelet name tag and hoop ear ring, Tom Alaniz came up with a junk ring and \$1.68 and a car, Joe Gonsalves got \$1.98 and an ear ring, My wife Zee got \$3.70, a Sterling silver chain with a 14K charm on it and a fishing jig, Brian Kinnear got a car, ring ,2 Chinese coins a Canadian coin a 18K ring, an ear ring and a bracelet, Jerry Kaplan had 20 coins for \$1.97, I came away with a rosary, a Sterling silver ring, 3 ear rings a titanium bracelet and \$3.12 in change.

Our next hunt on August 21th will be at La Jolla Shores at sun up or whenever you want to come and we will meet at 10 am to show out finds. Should you have any questions give me a call on by cell phone $\frac{760}{291-7900}$ or call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, $\frac{760}{743-8516}$.

Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

Not too many details to report as I attended the Coinshooters Mini-Hunt at Bonita Cove along with I think 5 other TSSD'ers. The only summary I have is my own...I broke even on \$\$ found and found tokens for a mercury dime, buffalo nickel and 2 half dollars. Everyone found \$\$ and tokens, so it was all good.

For the August hunt, I've got another conflict so after polling the members, the normal Sunday beach hunt will now be on SATURDAY, Aug 6th at Ocean Beach. The Coinshooters are having a park hunt @ Lake Skinner in Temecula on Sunday Aug 7th. I haven't been digging in the dirt for a while so I'm gonna try it. Anyone who might be interested, contact me and I'll provide the info.

What was the last year US silver coins were minted?

1964 was the last year that circulating U.S. coins were struck in 90% silver.

The composition of U.S. coins has changed considerably over the past few decades. Because of a growing worldwide silver shortage, the Coinage Act of 1965 authorized a change in the composition of dimes, quarters, and half-dollars, which had been 90 percent silver. Silver was eliminated from the dime and the quarter. The half-dollar's silver content was reduced to 40 percent and, after 1970, was eliminated altogether. This applies ONLY to coins minted for everyday use with the general public. The US Mint is still minting yearly sets of SILVER PROOF Coins that you can purchase from them if you'd like. Other denominations dollar coins dated 1971 and later are either cupronickel or brass.

Nickels have always been made from copper and nickel, except during WW2 when they contained a small amount of silver. There has never been a 90% silver nickel.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Hawaiian SPAM-tastic Pizza

1- 10 oz. already made pizza crust
1/2 cup pizza sauce, from a jar
6 ozs. Provolone cheese, grated
1 can (12 oz.) SPAM, any flavor thinly sliced or cubed
1 can (16 oz.) Pineapple Chunks, drained
1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
1/2 cup peppers red, green, yellow or a combination (optional)

Heat oven 425 degrees
Grease a 14" pizza pan or a 13"x9" pan
Unroll dough and press in pan
Top dough with the pizza sauce, cheese and arrange the remaining ingredients
Bake 25 -30 minutes or until the crust is deep golden brown

Annual TSSD Picnic:

The TSSD annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 17th, 2016. 51 people were in attendance.

A huge thank you to Ron Gonsalves, Sue Conner, Gary Watson, Jim Mears, Jerry Goldstein and all the other 'workers' that put on a fantastic day.

20 people participated in the metal detecting hunt. 712 coins were recovered and 17 special tokens were recovered. Jerry Goldstein did an outside job on the hunt itself and the prices for the special tokens.

19 people participated in the Gold Panning Contest. Thank you Michele Silva for overseeing this event. Steve Thacker came in 1st place in the men's division with a time of 3.5 seconds. Charlene Myers came in 1st place in the women's division with a time of 8.45 seconds. Rosalee Hart came in 1st place in the children's division with a time of 14.20 seconds.

An Opportunity Drawing was held with 6 possible prizes. Bill Myers won the grand prize of a Garrett Pro-Pointer AT. Again, thank you Jerry Goldstein for all you hard work, and excellent selection, into obtaining these prizes.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Klaus Golhke for his excellent presentation on hardrock mining.

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

August 20th One Day Outing:

TSSD's August outing will be on Saturday, August 20th, 2016 at the Blue Cut/Cleghorn (Cajon Pass) area.

9 AM meet

At the Monument in the dirt parking lot with shade trees.

Spend the day sluicing, panning, metal detecting, exploring in and around Cajon Wash Creek.

Bring your own equipment (or share with someone), shovels, picks, gold pans, sluice box, scoops, buckets, chair, food, water and whatever else.

A change of foot wear is recommended as you will be in the water.

Lots of history in this area:

Cajon Pass, separating the San Bernardino and San Gabriel ranges has long been an important natural gateway. It is traversed by Indian trails, emigrant routes, railroads, and a superhighway. Early in the 19th century it became the southern end of the Old Spanish or Salt Lake (Mormon) trail. In the 1840s it was the scene of massive horse-stealing raids led by Indians and renegade mountain men, in which as many as 5000 head at one time were driven eastward. The Mormon pioneers who founded San Bernardino in 1851 traveled this route. In 1861 John Brown built a 12-mile toll road through the pass. It connected with the Van Dusen Road, providing improved access to the booming mining settlements in Holcomb Valley. The lower end of Cajon pass consists of a huge alluvial deposit 2 miles wide. About 5 miles above Devore is a narrow gorge eroded by Cajon Creek known as Blue Cut, also called lower Narrows. A Tollhouse for the Brown road was located nearby. This became the logical path for the railroad, which came in 1885. It was also the route of old Highway 66. The construction of Interstate 15 has largely removed this once familiar landmark from the public eye.

Directions from Escondido:

Hwy. 15 North to Exit 124 Kenwood Ave. Make a left turn, and go under the overpass to stop sign. Right turn at stop sign, (Cajon Blvd.) and go about 4 miles. There will be a parking area on the left under trees by the Blue Cut Monument.

If the Exit 124 is closed for road construction, go up the grade to Exit 129 Cleghorn Road. Make a left turn, go under the overpass and make a left turn on Cajon Blvd., go about 5 miles or so, and just after passing Swarthout Canyon Rd., the Blue Cut will be on the right side of the road.

Not sure if you need an Adventure Pass, but it would not hurt to have one.

There are no restrooms in this area.

WANTED:

Claims Committee Chairperson:

TSSD is now searching for a new Claims Committee Chairperson.

If you are interested, please contact Robert Cook who can give you specific details of the position.

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.

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.

CLASSIFIEDS:

If you wish to place a classified ad ~ please summit to charlenemyers@cox.net before the 20th of each month

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!

See someone Claim Jumping:

If you see someone that you think is claim jumping one of our claims – you need to do the following: Photograph the person, vehicles, equipment and whatever else you can and send the information to the Board including the date, time and location of the possible offense.

TSSD is Invited:

TSSD members are invited to participate in SPMA's Annual Swap Meet. Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 6pm to 8pm Lemon Grove VFW Hall 2885 Lemon Grove Avenue Lemon Grove, CA

This is a chance to sell/buy used prospecting equipment, rock hound items and metal detecting items. No fee to sell your items.

July Meeting Summary:

117 people in attendance

8 New Applications Received and 3 Renewal Applications

Door Prize: Martin Garcia

50/50 Winner: Charlene Myers

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Brian Kinnear and Paul Mullens

Gems & Minerals: Marty Neal

Gold: Kent Donalson

Gold Nugget Winners:

Jason Evans, Brian Winter (x2), Charlene Myers and Richard Gravel

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector: Jerry Goldstein

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.

Guest Speakers/Presentations:

If you know of an interesting Guest Speaker for our group would you please let someone know at the back sign in table.

We are always looking for people to give a presentation on mining, gem hunting, metal detecting, geology, wild life (especially the desert kind) and would appreciate your input.

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

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.

September Quarterly Drawing: Minelab X-Terra 305



Outings and Events:

August 3rd – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting

210 Park Avenue, Escondido

6:30pm

August 6th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe

Ocean Beach

Time to be Announced

August 20th – Saturday: One Day Outing

Blue Cut – Cleghorn Area

9AM

Meet at the Blue Cut Monument Parking Area

August 21st – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta

La Jolla Shores

Sun Up

10:00 am - meet up to share finds

September 7th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting

210 Park Avenue, Escondido

6:30pm

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www.free-printable-calendar.com

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. $2^{\text{nd}}_{\text{rd}}$ meeting: You will be given your TSSD membership card. 3 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 -3^{rd} page, 3^{rd} 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.

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

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 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, cashes 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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Equipment Manager:	Earl Sterrett	858-922-4547	earls@awproperties.net	
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