

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Election and Final Nominations for 1st Vice President:

Tonight is the Election and Final Nominations for 1st Vice President.

If you are interested please contact the nominating committee, Jerry Kaplan, Ron Gonsalves and Michele Silva.

The duties of 1st Vice President are:

A) 1st Vice President

Shall act in place of the President, if and when the President is temporarily unable to carry out the required duties of his/her position. The Vice President shall have the right of succession to the Presidency if and when the President/Chairperson is permanently unable to perform his/her duties. The Vice President shall take over the duties of the President until such time that a vote for a new President can take place. The Vice President shall also serve on committees and perform various duties as assigned by the President/Chairperson or the Board of Directors.

Annual TSSD Christmas Party:

TSSD's Annual Christmas Party is fast approaching. Save the date of **Sunday, December 11th, 2016!**

This year TSSD will be charging a **\$5.00 cover charge** for those that wish to attend.

\$5.00 per each adult that attends. Children under the age of 12 years is free.

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.

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 and Pay for Your Tickets at the back sign in table.

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

We had a good day at Mission Beach. The weather was perfect for hunting until some rain came at about 9:30. Everyone found something. Jerry Kaplan had 26 coin a nice knife fir \$2.13, Joe Gonsalves got a few coins, I got 3 cars, 27 coins for \$.98, a ring, a 10K gold Madonna metal and a 9K gold ring marked 375, my wife Zee found 28 coins for \$3.70, two cars, an ear ring and a memorial metal on a chain, Paul Mullins got 80 cents, Brian Kinnear recovered 10 coins, a Sterling Silver ring, a divers knife and a foreign coin, Cliff Vaughan recovered 2 cars stainless steel ring 25 coins for \$2.82, Juli Shain found a couple of bucks, John Howe had 22 coins for \$2.02.

Next month we will go back to Mission Beach but park in the lot by the roller coaster up by the life guard tower. Start at sun up or whenever you want to come and then meet a 10:00 to show our finds. Should you have any questions give me a call at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, at [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or catch me on my cell phone [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900). We will skip the December hunt since it falls on Christmas day. Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

Here are the results from the October outing at Imperial Beach on October 8th. We had 9 hunters for a beautiful detecting day despite the car show limiting parking. We found about 163 coins for \$17.64.

Rich Heygi 50 coins @ \$4.92
John Howe 32 coins @ \$4.39, iPod, wooden nickel
Brian Kinnear 29 coins @ \$2.57, a snap light, a bevy of bling
Jerry Kaplan 31 coins @ \$2.10, a rotten watch
Bill Laffoon 9 coins @ \$1.62
Larry Bridgeforth 10 coins @ \$1.30
Ken Colby ? coins @ \$0.30
John Cunningham 2 coins @ \$0.26
Roz Laffoon 0 coins @ \$0.00 and the winner of the skunk!

For the November 6th hunt, I'm thinking Mission Beach South by the river & volleyball courts. Details coming.

Need Idea's:

We are getting ready to make up the 2017 TSSD Activity Calendar and would like your ideas. Need places that a group can go to, either for one day or two.

If you know of a place that would interest the group – Please go see Mary Troseth at the back sign in table and submit a suggestion.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Better than Pecan Pie - Cookies

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
pinch of kosher salt
1 1/2 cups brown sugar light or dark, firmly packed (going to be divided)
12 tablespoons butter, unsalted, room temperature
1 large egg, slightly beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla extract (also divided)
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 cup pecans, finely chopped

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line two half-sheet pans with parchment paper.
2. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and 1 teaspoon salt. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat together 1 cup brown sugar with the butter on medium-high, until light and fluffy, 2-3 minutes. Scrape down the sides of the bowl, then add the egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla, and beat until smooth. Add the dry ingredients in three additions, scraping down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula between additions. Mix together until just combined.
3. Shape dough into roughly 1 1/4-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart onto the parchment-lined pans. Make an indentation in each cookie with your thumb, rotating your thumb to hollow it out into a around well.
4. Whisk together 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and cream in a small mixing bowl until smooth. Fold in the pecans. Fill the well of each cookie with a scant teaspoon of the pecan filling. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Cool for 2-3 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a cooling rack

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Gary Eckert for his excellent presentation on Metal Detectors.

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

Interested in Joining Us?

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

“PAINTED GORGE” GEM & MINERAL OUTING:

PAINTED GORGE TRIP

SATURDAY – November 19th, 2016

LEAVE MEETING POINT AT 9AM

Directions: (Coming from San Diego)-

I-8 south to OCOTILLO

Exit “Imperial Hwy” – turn LEFT and go under the freeway.

Turn RIGHT on “Co. Hwy. S80”(Evan Hewes Hwy.) - (frontage road that runs parallel to the freeway)

Travel approximately 4.2 miles

Turn LEFT on ‘Painted Gorge Road’

Pull over to the side of the road and wait for the others.

Tour Guide:

David Rice

Vehicles:

Most vehicles can travel this road, but a high clearance vehicle is suggested. (Ford Escape made it with no problems.)

What to bring:

Food, Water, Hat, Gloves, Walking/hiking boots

Collecting bags and tools, Newspaper to wrap your finds in and a Full tank of fuel

Agenda:

We are hoping to spend at least one hour at each location. NEW areas have been discovered!

One location looking for natural copper infused rocks.

One location looking for petrified sea shells, selenite, agate, jasper & chalcedony.

Another location looking for petrified wood along with agate, jasper & chalcedony, spherical concretions.

All areas are within a short (30 minutes or less) drive of each other.



Outings and Events:

- November 2nd – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm
- November 6th – Saturday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
Mission Beach South
Time to be Announced
- November 19th – Saturday: Painted Gorge One Day Outing
9:00 am – Departure Time
Details in the newsletter
- November 20th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Mission Beach
Sun Up
10:00 am - meet up to share finds
- December 7th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

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October Meeting Summary:

143 people in attendance

5 New Applications Received

Door Prize: Rich Heygi

50/50 Winner: Keith Browning

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Rich Heygi and Brian Kinnear

Gems & Minerals: Jon Cunningham and Dave Miller

Gold: Jason Evans

Gold Nugget Winners:

Richard Gravel, Ed Husting, Mark Johnston, Klaus Gohlke, Jerry Kaplan and Blaine Cunningham

Keene Sluice: Dan McGuigan

Garrett Pinpointer: Scott McGrosso

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!*

Buckets:

We are selling off the final 100 or so buckets in inventory!

These are 3 gallon, food grade buckets with lids.

\$1.00 each.

See Bill Myers for your purchase.

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

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.

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 - \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00 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" Association!

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.

December's Quarterly Drawing:

A 1903-S \$5.00 Liberty Gold Piece – rated "XF+"

See Jerry at the Raffle Ticket table for photos.

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.*

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.

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.

Termination/Suspension of Membership:

The Board of Directors, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member of the Corporation for cause after an appropriate hearing before the Board. The term “for cause” shall include (a) the member's conviction of a felony, acts of reckless endangerment, failure to perform commitments made to the Corporation, conduct on the part of the member that would render him/her ineligible for indemnification if required by the Board and member conduct which constitutes a conflict of interest with TSSD.

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.

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 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 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 before the return date. 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.

Those people who borrow equipment, and do not bring it back in the same condition or better, or do not bring it back in a timely manner, will be restricted from future access to the equipment.

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.

See Steve Balbo at the sign in table at break to purchase.

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 Al Ockert, TSSD Claims Manager, at the meetings. 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 Al Ockert or to Charlene Myers at the sign in table.

CLASSIFIEDS:

For Sale:

Minelab Go-Find 20

Like new only played with it for an hour,

1/2 price of new ONLY \$75!

I have 5 detectors; wife says that is too many get rid of a couple of them. So, this ones gotta go.

Contact: Cliff Vaughn - 619-201-0771.

For Sale:

Keene 140 Drywasher with Keene HVS blower, hose & clamps.

Original cost - \$1,150.00 – Asking \$575.00.

Contact: Karl at 951-304-2362 or 760-505-7225.

For Sale:

Metal Detectors!

Garrett 350, Minelab Go-Find 20, Whites Eagle Spectrum, Whites Eagle Spectrum with extra 6" coil, EFX Swarm, and Bounty Hunter Pioneer 202.

May have additional ones. Ask me.

Ranging from \$60.00 to \$225.00

Contact: Jerry Goldstein – 760-317-1819.

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

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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