

FINDERS KEEPERS

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Freedom Claim:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego took legal action on behalf of the eight (8) Freedom claim owners to stop the Shoshone Mining Claim from over claiming the Freedom claim during the last couple of months. This process has been a long time in coming and the end is in-sight.

The Shoshone claim owners have agreed to vacate the claim and do the proper reclamation of the land, as per their bond and all other appropriate paperwork. **PLEASE** stay out of that area until BLM gives final approval of the reclamation. Once the area is back to being part of TSSD's Freedom Claim we will announce it. We do not want anything or anyone to interfere with their reclamation.

That means no drywashing, no metal detecting, no interference at all until all is said and done in that area.

The legal services that were required to do this was very reasonable.

There have been many, many TSSD players in obtaining this over the last couple of years. And we thank you for all that you have done to clear up this problem.

Annual Christmas Dinner:

58 people were in attendance.

Excellent food prepared by Ron and Sue, Keith and others.

Raffle Winners were: Carolyn Mears for a coin set, Rick Koontz for a coin set, Frank Trutta for a 1 oz silver round and Kent Donalson for a 2 oz silver round. Congratulations to all.

A huge Thank You to those that brought wonderful side dishes for the potluck and to those that stayed and helped clean up.

Interested in Joining Us?

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

TSSD's 2017 Calendar:

TSSD's 2017 Calendar of meetings, events and outings is now available for pick up at the sign in table.

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

Winter time is coming fast upon us. Now is the time to start planning your low tide working plans. Dry sand hunting will be quite limited as the high tides wets them all down plus beach traffic is basically over with. I will be looking for erosion of the sand and cuts, anything that removes sand. We basically want destruction of the beaches. As bad as that sounds we love it.

Check out your equipment and use a machine capable of hunting the hard-packed wet sand. I will be going to a Minelab Convention in late January and see what will be coming down the pipeline. With advancing technology metal detectors should be amazing machines.

Should have any questions on beach hunting, give me a call at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or catch me on my cell phone [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900).

Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

We had our December 11th hunt at Oceanside harbor. We had 8 hunters, about twice what I thought. There was a surfing event so that blocked off a portion of the beach but it probably didn't affect the total finds. It was a pretty crummy day for finds as I expected. The beaches are getting hit pretty hard. We had a total of 58 coins found for \$5.18.

Here are the results sorted by \$\$ found:

Brian Kinnear 12 coins @ \$1.27

John Howe 15 coins @ \$1.24

Paul Mullins 12 coins @ \$0.84

Cliff Vaughn 10 coins @ \$0.61

Wyatt Stevens 5 coins @ \$0.51

Jerry Kaplan 3 coins @ \$0.36

Ken Colby 1 coin @ \$0.25 and the winner of the **SKUNK!**

Donna Steinbrenner (1st timer gets a skunk-pass) 1 coin @ \$0.10

For the January, we'll go to Coronado and hope that the holiday revelers lost some good stuff. It'll be January 5th.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Ron and Sue for all their work, along with many volunteers, in putting on a wonderful Christmas Dinner and party. 58 members were in attendance.

To Jerry Goldstein for the 4 wonderful raffle prizes for the Christmas Party and all that he does.

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

Outings and Events:

- January 4th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm
- January 8th - Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
Coronado Beach
Time to be Announced
- January 21st - Saturday: TSSD Ranchita Claim – One day Outing
9:00am meetup
Details in the newsletter
- January 22nd – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Location and Time to be announced
- February 1st – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

| JANUARY 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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A.M.R.A. (American Mining Rights Association) invites you to:

AMRA will be holding their first Southern California outing January 21-22, 2017 at Slash X Café Barstow.

Route 66 Gold Miners will open up their 320 acres of claims for drywashing, recirculating systems (bring your own water) and metal detecting on Saturday and Sunday. The claims are about 7 – 10 miles into the desert with rocky 2 wheel access.

Slash X Café has offered their property for free dry camping to us miners from Friday – Sunday. This is a café and bar available and they are willing to stay open beyond business hours for us. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner so please support them as they are supporting us. Camp fire's are allowed as long as the wind is not too bad, but no glass or nails in the fire.

We will be holding an event giveaway at 4pm on Saturday, and tickets will be available for purchase starting Friday night along with AMRA gear.

You must check in with us at AMRA's booth.

Slash X is located in Stoddard Valley 8 miles south of Barstow on Hwy. 247.

Please contact Jeff Baraglia with any questions: 951-271-0784 or JRBaraglia@gmail.com

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!*

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.

December Meeting Summary:

135 people in attendance

2 New Applications Received

Door Prize: Jean Bradley

50/50 Winner: Ken Matlby

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Paul Mullins and Juli Shain

Gems & Minerals: Ron Horak and Iris Horak

Gold: Rod Hall

Gold Nugget Winners:

Wyatt Stevens, Ken Matlby, Klaus Golhke – Twice!, Don Musial, Jerry Steffler and Jose Flores.

Keene Sluice: Ed Lisle

Garrett Pinpointer: Greg Heyser

December's Quarterly Price:

(The 1903-S \$5.00 Gold Piece)

Jose Flores!

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.*

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, \$15.00 and \$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.

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 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 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 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.

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 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, 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 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 at Break Time.

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:

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.

For Sale:

12 Gauge Shotgun Hulls:

2000 Sts \$7.00 Per Hundred Or \$70.00 Per Thousand

700 Nitro Gold \$7.00 Per Hundred

1200 Old Style Aa \$7.00 Per Hundred Or \$70.00 Per Thousand

700 Federal Gold Metals Smooth Hull \$5.00 Per Hundred

2000 Rem. Gun Clubs \$3.00 Per Hundred Or \$30.00 Per Thousand

Contact: Ron Gonsalves – 760-480-5638.

For Sale:

Big "C"s Metal Detectors:

Garrett Ace 400 for \$300.00

and a Fisher gold bug II for \$400.00.

Contact: Robert Cook – 760-741-6547 for more information.

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

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