

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Nominations for Office:

February's meeting is the start of Nominations for positions on the Board for a two (2) year term. Nominations will be taken from the floor for (1) 1st Vice President and (2) Secretary at the February and March General meeting.

The Election will take place at the April 5th, 2017 Chapter Meeting.

Qualifications:

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 1st 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 1st Vice President shall take over the duties of the President until such time that a vote for a new President can take place. The 1st Vice President shall also serve on committees and perform various duties as assigned by the President/Chairperson or the Board of Directors.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall see that the minutes of all meetings of the General Membership and the Board of Directors are taken and kept. He/she shall be the custodian of the corporate seal and shall affix it to all proper instruments when deemed advisable by him/her. He/she shall have charge of all the books and records of the Corporation except the books of account, and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary of a corporation and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her.

Anyone interested in the above positions must be (1) a member in good standing with TSSD and (2) a member in good standing with GPAA (Gold Prospectors of America).

Nominating Committee Members:

John Howe, Earl Sterrett and Ron Gonsalves. If you are interested in either of the above positions please contact these members. Their contact information is in the newsletter.

TONIGHT is the "Yearly Appreciation Drawing":

Tonight is the night for the Yearly Appreciation Drawing!

Throughout the last year if you purchased \$20.00 or more in raffle tickets you were given a 'special' ticket. You must be present to win!

Jerry Goldstein has out done himself on these special prizes!

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

Just got back from the Minelab Partners Conference in Las Vegas. No new high end machines coming out but they will be modifying some of their other machines with new features and adding a couple of new ones. Can't say more, we had to sign a paper of confidentiality. Also Coiltek will be coming out with new coils for the Minelab machines.

Beach hunting for February 26th will be at Pacific Beach providing weather will allow us to hunt. Come around sun up and we will meet at 10 am to show off our finds. Should you have any questions give me a call at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or on my cell phone [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900).

Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

We had our January outing at Coronado on the 8th. It was a perfect day to be on the beach. We had 11 hunters and found 88 coins for \$6.22 and 2 silver rings so it was a pretty good day for some of us. Not the best cash haul, but I'm not too surprised with the holiday weather and the other hunters working the beach.

Also of note, Ryan Romaine tried out his new Minelab 3030 and it worked. He stayed late to work it in the wet sand / minus tide. A very good idea! And Roz Laffoon got her own personal skunk! I guess since she wins the skunk so often, she thought she needed her own personal skunk. The day's coming when she'll have a BIG find!

Brian Kinnear 25 coins @ \$1.90; iPhone; pot pipe

Paul Mullins 13 coins @ \$1.01

Brian Winter 18 coins @ \$0.94

John Howe 9 coins @ \$0.87; junk earring

Cliff Vaughn 8 coins @ \$0.63; a condom; silver ring (or maybe Paul found it?)

Ryan Romaine 4 coins @ \$0.50; nice looking earring

Jerry Kaplan 4 coins @ \$0.21

Dan McGuigan 4 coins @ \$ 0.13; a really nice silver & quartz ring

Shaunde Romaine 3 coins @ \$0.03

Roz Laffoon 0 coins @ \$0.00 **and the winner of the half-skunk!**

Bill Laffoon 0 coins @ \$0.00 **and the winner of the half-skunk!**

The February hunt will be at Ocean Beach. Details to follow.

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.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Super Bowl 7 Layer Bean Dip

Layer 1 -1 Large can of Rosaria Traditional Refried beans (or your favorite brand)

Layer 2 -1- 16 oz. Knudsen Sour Cream

Layer 3 -1- 16 oz. Guacamole (mild or spicy)

Layer 4 -1 Bottle (8 oz.- 10 1/2 oz.) Red La Victoria or Lindy's taco sauce

Layer 5 -1 small can chopped or sliced olives, any brand

Layer 6 -1/2 pound grated cheese, Sharp or Colby Jack

Layer 7 - 2 -3 Roma tomatoes, small diced

In a 13" x 9" pan layer ingredients in order. Cover and Chill.
Serve with a huge bag of your favorite tortilla chip.

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.

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**

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Klaus Gohlke for his presentation on the Ranchita Claim.

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

February Outing:

TSSD's "Cargo" Claims

Treasure Seekers of San Diego will be holding their monthly outing, Saturday and Sunday, February 18th & 19th, 2017 at the "Cargo" claims (located in the TSSD mining claim guide).

Dry Camping only. No hookups No Bathrooms.

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

This is wide open desert.

You must be self-sufficient. There are NO facilities in the area.

It is approximately 2 ½ hours to a 3 hour drive south from Escondido, approximately 180 miles.

LOGISTICS:

Hwy. 8 towards Yuma, AZ.

Exit Ogilby Road and turn Left (over the freeway) - Travel 3.9 miles

Turn Right onto Sidewinder Road – just past the R/R Tracks

Travel approx. 2.5 miles to BLM Route #715 (aka: Jackson Gulch) - Turn Left.

Cross over the Power Line Road (Route #592), Travel 7/10ths of a mile and start looking for a place to camp. This puts you near the corner of Claim #1.

Motor homes and trailers are able to get to this point.

To explore the actual claims, you must have a high clearance vehicle.

You can get gas, ice and supplies at the following locations off of Hwy. 8:

1. Golden Acorn Casino near Campo – large RV and truck fueling area. Hwy. 8 and Crestwood – Exit #61.
2. 4th Street in El Centro – turn right and then make the first right to a truck stop or you can turn left from the freeway and there are smaller gas stations in that direction.
3. Hwy. 8 rest stop – WATER ONLY – there are two bibs, bring your own hose. Located in the center of the Hwy. so be in your left lane. This approx. 3 ½ miles before Ogilby Road turnoff.
4. Hwy. 8 and Sidewinder Road – small gas station good for fuel and ice. It is not recommended taking this Sidewinder Road to get to the claims, as it is sometimes deep with sand. You should go back to Ogilby Road.
5. 16th Street in Yuma, AZ. – ARCO station on your right. You must travel back to Ogilby Road.

Check the weather for Yuma, Winterhaven and El Centro area before you go – plan accordingly. Weather does vary and winds do come on unexpectedly.

This is a clean desert – please keep it that way by picking up your trash and hauling it out. And, PLEASE, cover your holes.

Our claims can be accessed by Routes #715, 714, 709 and 708.

If you are traveling the current day "American Girl Road" – you are NO WHERE near our claims!

Make sure you are on a TSSD claim. Many, many claims by others butt up to TSSD's.

Must have TSSD Claim Guide and TSSD Membership Card with you while on TSSD's claims.

Camp Fire Permits (by CalFire):

Campfire Permits are designed for use on federally controlled lands including those falling under the US Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management, and private lands that are the property of another person. On private lands you must also have written permission from the landowner for campfire use.

Permits are required for open fires, such as campfires, barbecues and portable stoves.

Permits are subject to restriction by local authorities. The need for restrictions is reviewed almost daily during the summer months and permits may even be suspended without advance notice. Permittees must check with local authorities each time they go out to an area.

Permits can be issued by the US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) or online at PreventWildfireCA.org/Permits.

Always:

1. Clear all flammable material away from the fire's edge 5 feet in all directions to prevent escape of the fire.
2. Have a shovel available at the campfire site for preparing and extinguishing campfires.
3. Have a responsible person in attendance at all times.
4. Extinguish campfires with water, using the drown, stir, and feel method.

You can contact the CAL FIRE at 916-653-5123, USFS at 707-562-8737, BLM at 916-978-4400, or refer to the individual National Park at www.nps.gov, for more information.

(Editors Note: Yes, you even need a fire permit in the desert. Take the quick test, print out your permit and keep it with your camping equipment or your vehicle. There is no cost involved.)

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://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/>

American Mining Rights Association (AMRA) – <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.*

Outings and Events:

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

February 5th - Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
Ocean Beach
Time to be Announced

February 18th & 19th : TSSD Cargo Claims
Details in the newsletter

February 26th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Pacific Beach
Sun Up

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

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4

January Meeting Summary:

144 people in attendance

2 New Applications Received

Door Prize: Pam Clements

50/50 Winner: Larry Owen

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Linda Durbin and Paul Mullins

Gems & Minerals: Frank Huberts

Gold: Frank Huberts

Gold Nugget Winners:

Charlene Myers – Twice!, Pat Regan, Blaine Cunningham, Jeffery Wark and Ron Regan

Metal Detector: Wyatt Stevens

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!*

March's Quarterly Prize:

Catch It II Water Table



<http://www.gold-rus.com/Gold/Water-Table-for-Gold-Recovery.html>

Supporting the Chapter:

“The Desert Magazine” on Disk – 1937 to 1983 - \$5.00 for the set. Limit two per family.

Dowsing Rods - \$35.00 per set. Limit one 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, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 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.

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:

Big "C"s Metal Detectors:

Garrett Ace 400 for \$300.00

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

Silver's melting point is 1761 degrees F or 960 degrees C. Of all the metals in existence, silver is the best conductor of electricity.

Silver is harder than gold, but softer than copper.

Gold melts at 1064.43° Centigrade. It can conduct both heat and electricity and it never rusts.

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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