

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Nominations for Office:

March meeting is the last call for 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 tonight's 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.

Nominations Received at February General Meeting:

1 st Vice President:	Jerry Kaplan
Secretary:	Michele Silva

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

I cancelled the February hunt due to weather and high tide at the wrong time. The beach hunt for March 26th will be at Mission Beach out from the roller coaster at 1:00 to catch the low tide a 3:12 and we will meet at 5:00 to show our finds.

Should you have any questions call me 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

Here are the results for this month's metal detecting at Ocean Beach on Feb 5th. It was a little chilly but no rain and we had 11 hunters. We found a total of **294 coins for \$17.78!** If you've been watching, this is significantly more coins than we typically find. There's a reason for it. Something interesting happened. For all of you who are getting discouraged, it **IS** possible to find bunches of targets. You can see below that Dan McGuigan and Paul Mullins found more than half of the total coins found in one spot in the wet sand. They found a "drop zone". It makes for a really fun day when you're digging coin after coin after coin! A side note...Dan told me on his way out of the parking lot that a lady who was working the same spot in the sand found a silver ring. Why am I always in the wrong area?

Dan McGuigan 92 coins @ \$6.81; silver earring; lighter

Paul Mullins 57 coins @ \$4.67; earring; New Zealand coin; 2 Mexican coins

Brian Kinnear 35 coins @ \$2.27; tire gauge

John Howe 12 coins @ \$1.35; BIC lighter case; junk earring & bracelet; pot pipe

Rich Heygi 37 coins @ \$1.19; 3 toy cars; roll of solder

Cliff Vaughn 9 coins @ \$0.89; flashlight

Jerry Kaplan 6 coins @ \$0.48; fishing lure

Bob Waldrip 34 coins @ \$0.45; pendant

Jay Perales 8 coins @ \$0.45

Bill Laffoon 3 coins @ \$0.11

Roz Laffoon 1 coin @ \$0.01 **and the keeper of the Laffoon Skunk!**

I haven't been thinking too much of where to go in March, so why not Mission Beach. It'll be on March 5th. Unless I change my mind, but it'll still be some beach on March 5th.

Interested in Joining Us?

Please come to the sign in table [at the beginning of break](#) and fill out an application.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Irish Beef Stew

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds trimmed boneless beef round steak, cut in to bit size pieces
- 2 Tablespoons flour (for coating the meat)
- 2 Tablespoons oil
- 1 Large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1/2" bites)
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) Beef broth
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) Stewed tomatoes with juice (do not drain)
- 1 envelope Good Seasons Garlic & Herb Dressing mix
- 1 pound Red Potatoes, cut into chunks (about 3/4" size)
- 3 Carrots, (cut into 1/2 " thick slices)
- 4 cups cooked noodles (according to directions package)

Directions:

Coat the meat with the flour. Heat oil in a Dutch oven or Large Deep Skillet on medium-high heat. Add the meat and onions to the heated oil. Cook and stir about 5 to 8 mins. until meat is browned. Stir in broth, canned tomatoes and dressing mix. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cover and simmer on low heat for about 15 minutes, stir once in a while to keep from sticking. Add the potatoes and carrots, cover and simmer another 15 minutes, then uncover and finish cooking another 30 until meat is tender and sauce has thickened. Stirring occasionally as to not burn the bottom.
Serve over noodles.

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 Bill and Charlene for their outstanding presentation on the Cargo Claims.

To Jerry Goldstein for his outstanding job on the “Member Yearly Appreciation” drawing. 8 silver gifts were given out.

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

March’s (Tonight!) Quarterly Prize:

Catch It II Water Table



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

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:

- March 1st – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm
- March 5th - Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
Mission Beach
Time to be Announced
- March 19th - Sunday Warner Springs Claim
Details in the newsletter
- March 26th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Mission Beach
1:00pm
- April 5th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <small>Purim</small>
12 <small>Daylight Savings Begins</small>	13	14	15	16	17 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18
19	20 <small>Spring Begins</small>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

March Outing:

Warner Springs Gem Claim

One Day Outing Sunday, March 19th, 2017

9:00 AM meeting time

1. This claim belongs to a fellow member and they are allowing TSSD members a chance to explore it.
2. The claim information is located in your TSSD Claims Guide.
3. This claim can offer: Garnets, Quartz, Albite, Feldspar, Tourmaline and others.
4. Some members like to metal detecting around the campground, Indian Flats Campground, (which is not part of the claim). Campground is 6.6 miles from your turn on Lost Valley Road (Forest Rt. 9S05)
5. Campground Information: You will need to bring small bills with you, as there is a charge to park at the campground. \$12.00 per day or per night – there is no difference between day use and overnight. (per Palomar Ranger District 760.788.0250)
6. Bring your own food and water. There is a vault toilet located in the campground.
7. You will need a National Forest Service Adventure Pass. (Big 5 Sporting Goods)
8. Only hand tools are permitted to work this claim.
9. There is a private claim within this claim called “Cryo-Genie” – we do NOT have permission to work that claim and it is very well marked. Stay off this claim.
10. You must have your TSSD Membership Card in possession and the TSSD Claims Guide while on this claim.
11. Distance from Escondido is approximately 48 miles.
12. From the town of Warner Springs:
Go approximately 1.6 miles NORTH of Warner Springs on Hwy. 79.
Turn Right onto Indian Flats Road Forest Route #9S05 (aka Lost Creek Rd.) marked by a Forest Service Sign.
If you reach the Warner Springs Airport, you have gone too far.
The road is pretty much a good, graded road and “most” vehicles will have no problems.

February Meeting Summary:

133 people in attendance

6 New Applications Received and 1 Renewal Application

Door Prize: Mary Troseth

50/50 Winner: Jim McKenzie

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Brian Kinnear and Also Ledesma

Gems & Minerals: Ron Horak and Frank Huberts

Gold: *no entries*

Gold Nugget Winners:

Pat Regan, Steve Balbo (twice!), Jerry Duke, Tom Paulson, Robert Bradley and Tom Neumeyer

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Pin Pointer: Paul Mullins

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!*

GPAA update . . .

by Frank M. Trutta

GPAA is no longer selling their Membership Kits to clubs. I will be carrying the kits at my shop Columbia Metal Detectors. You can pick up new kits to become a member of GPAA or you can come in and renew your current membership. The points are still available for the clubs, just designate which club you want the points to go to and they will give the club credit. This way the club can receive merchandise from GPAA for the club members.

Should you have any questions give me a call at [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900).

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

Fee Free Days for Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Set for 2017

The Bureau of Land Management, in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to public lands on four occasions in 2017— Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 16, 2017), Presidents Day (February 20, 2017), National Public Lands Day (September 30, 2017), and Veterans Day Weekend (November 11-12, 2017). Site-specific standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, group day use, and use of special areas, will remain in effect.

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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