

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Election Vote Tonight:

The Election Vote for (1) 1st Vice President and (2) Secretary at tonights General meeting. Nominations for these positions were closed at the March General meeting.

Jerry Kaplan is running unopposed for 1st Vice President.
Michele Silva is running unopposed for Secretary.

Even though they are running unopposed, per our By-Laws they needed to be voted in to serve a 2 year stent, by all members in good standing and who are over the age of 18 years.

Warner Springs Gem Claim Outing Trouble:

At last months outing to the Warner Springs Gem Claim there was reported trouble by a couple of people in attendance. This is totally unacceptable. We will now be lucky to be invited back to the claim. Action against these people will be taken as the Sheriff Department was called.

The following complaint was received. Some wording was cleaned up from the original post to make it printable.

March 20 at 11:03am

“Some TSSD members were screw ups. Cryo-Genie called me. Some Yo-Yo's go up to the mine and say they are waiting for Blake. One guy with red beard was ok but his friend about 6'2" wearing a ball cap and glasses was an a__ hole as he said he had more guns. Look the mine is a working mine and due to security issues and MSHA they do not want any one up there. They did call the sheriff. This problem was due to a field trip by the Treasure Seekers who were having a field trip to the claim around the Cryo- Genie. Please bitch at your next meeting. “

Richard Mueller

Richard Mueller is a fellow miner and prospector and owner of his own claims, one of which is located near the Cryo-Genie, and we appreciate him notifying TSSD of this trouble.

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

We had a good day at Mission Beach on our March hunt. A lot of people are coming out to the beaches to enjoy our warm weather which should improve dry sand hunting.

Everyone came up with a number of coins but no jewelry to brag about. The weather was perfect with a nice breeze. Jody Rufener came up with 10 coins for 46 cents, Paul Mullins had 25 coins for \$2.50, Jerry Kaplan recovered 10 coins including a French coin and a junk ring, John Howe \$1.71 and a Canadian nickel, Tom Alaniz had \$1.32 and a Sterling silver metal, My wife Zee had 23 coins for \$1.44, I recovered 20 coins for \$1.50 one of the nickels being a 1929 Buffalo and Brian Kinnear came up with 10 coins for 50 cents and with his pulse detector also cleaned the beach of about 5 pounds of a variety of items.

Our next hunt will be at Pacific Beach at around 7:00 a.m. and meet at 10:00 to show our finds. We will be working the dry sand, not my favorite, since there will be a high tide, but if we come in the afternoon parking would be almost impossible to find.

Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or reach me on my cell [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900).

Hunt smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

It was a cloudy and cool morning for detecting. Not a lot of hunters on the beach. We only had 6 members attending but don't feel bad about sleeping in. It wasn't a good day for finding targets. At least I got some exercise and we had pizza afterward. We found a total of 28 coins for \$3.21.

Here are the results:

Cliff Vaughn 18 coins @ \$1.58; 2 toy cars; sunglasses; nice half custom watchband

John Howe 11 coins @ \$0.99

Jerry Kaplan 6 coins @ \$0.48

Brian Kinnear 1 coin @ \$0.01; Batman doll complete with cape; toy shovel

Roz Laffoon 2 coins @ \$0.15

Bill Laffoon 0 coins @ \$0.00 and the **keeper of the Laffoon Sunk!**

The April hunt will be on 4/9 at La Jolla Shores since the weather has improved and Spring Break is happening.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

CAMPFIRE CHICKEN & VEGGIES

Ingredients:

Boneless, skinless chicken (breast or thighs)

Red potatoes

Carrots

Bell peppers

Onions

Corn or any combination of veggies of your choice

1 bottle of Italian, French or Catalina dressing or your own mixtures of spices

Directions:

Your will need Heavy Duty Reynolds wrap foil for this recipe.

Cut up chicken and veggies in bite size pieces, place in a zip lock bag and pour in the dressing let marinate for 30 minutes to an hour while the coals are getting hot.

Make foil pouched and place as much or as little of the meat/veggies you like in each pouch, seal tightly.

Grill over hot coal until chicken is done and potatoes are tender.

This recipe taste best if cooked over a hot campfire.

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**

Interested in Joining Us?

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

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Blakely Sanford and Charlene Myers on the excellent presentation on the Warner Springs Gem Claim at the March meeting.

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

June's Quarterly Prize:

“Gold, Silver and the tools to find them”

The gift basket contains:

A Cyclone Mining Kit, A Wireless Garrett Headphone for a metal detector, 2 Silver Rounds, 1 Gorgeous Gold Nugget and A Digital Pocket Scale!



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:

April 5th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

April 9th - Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
La Jolla Shores
Time to be Announced

April 15th & 16th – Saturday & Sunday:
TSSD Freedom Claim
Details in the newsletter

April 23rd – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Pacific Beach
7:00am

May 3rd – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

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www.free-printable-calendar.com

April Outing:

TSSD's Freedom Claim

Treasure Seekers of San Diego will be holding their monthly outing, Saturday and Sunday April 15th and 16th, 2016 at the Freedom Claim (located in the TSSD mining claim guide). It is approximately 3 hours north of Escondido and approximately 180 miles.

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

Dry Camping only No hookups No Bathrooms.

This claim is known for lots of fine gold to flakes and some smaller nuggets. Drywashing, Metal Detecting and Dowsing is recommended. The previous owner of this claim dug many holes and the piles of overburden can be accessed easily. In these piles of overburden is where the gold has been found. Gold has also been found in the caliche.

When out there, don't forget to go check and prospect the other three claims that are in the immediate area. They are: "Smokin'", "Little Bit" and "Splash" which can be found in the TSSD claim guide. All are in an easy drive of each other.

Directions to the claim:

Hwy. 15 North to Hwy. 395 North. The claim is approximately 75 miles from this junction.

You can get fuel and ice in Kramer Junction or Adelanto which is a few miles up the road and has many gas stations, food and a Wal-Mart near #395 and #18. You can get water in Johannesburg.

As you enter Johannesburg, look for the street called "St. Elmo" (has a mini market on the corner) turn left. Travel a few blocks and you will see the Johannesburg Water Dept. building on your left (light brown in color with large trees). Here you can load up with water from a metered hose out in the front. They charge a few cents per gallon. You pay your money through a slot in the office door. Since the water is so cheap, most of us give a 'tip' to help keep this operation going.

Go back out to Hwy. 395 and head north.

As you head down hill you will cross a railroad track. Once passed the tracks there will be a road marked with a white barrel with a LDMA sign on it.

The street sign is called RM 26. Turn right. Travel through the LDMA (Duisenburg) claim and campground. *Please remember to do **10 mph** while going through their camp..*

You will cross the railroad tracks, bearing left.

It is suggested that you travel along the railroad tracks, past the claim and then backtrack to the claim on the well traveled dirt road. This is the easiest road into the claim for all vehicles.

Please enjoy yourselves..... find lots of gold.....

Know what claim you are on by the GPS readings, many claims are right adjacent to TSSD's.

March Meeting Summary:

125 people in attendance

3 New Applications Received

Door Prize: Michele Silva

50/50 Winner: Charlene Myers

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Brian Kinnear and Also Ledesma

Gems & Minerals: Tom Neumeyer and Blakely Sanford

Gold: Tom Neumeyer

Gold Nugget Winners:

Ken Maltby, Brian Winter, Brian Kinnear, Jerry Rady, Garrick Dries and Blaine Cunningham.

Garrett Metal Detector & All the works: Sandra Eaton

March Quarterly Prize – “Water Table II”: Marty Neal

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.

For Sale:

"Treasure magazines, all in binders"

Western Treasures, Winter 1963, Vol1, #2 to Dec. 1971 Vol 6, #1 total 31 issues \$5/issue total \$155

Treasure Magazine Vol 1, #1 April 1970 to April 1972 Vol2, #6, 12 issues \$60 total

True Treasure/Treasure World Vol 1, #1 Fall 1966 to April 1973 Vol 7, #4 , 60 issues Total \$300 at \$5/issue"

Contact Jeff Wark. at JCW92025@att.net or [760-432-8533](tel:760-432-8533) Will consider selling all for \$500.

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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