

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

July Picnic Report:

35 people in attendance.

11 people entered the metal detecting contest.

Out of 1000 coins scattered – 729 were recovered.

Out of 33 tokens scattered – 27 were recovered.

Those that found the tokens were awarded various prizes.

Gold Panning Contest – 1st Place Winners:

Men – Klaus Gohlke

Women – Jean Bradley

Child – Rosalee Hart

Raffle Prizes:

8 raffle prizes total –

Michele Silva won the Nevada Mining Silver Round with a small gold nugget.

Blaine Cunningham won the big gold nugget.



Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

We had a good day at La Jolla Shores. The weather worked out being just right. Everyone found a bunch of targets, more than I expected as this is an overworked beach.

Jerry Kaplan found 75 cents, Paul Mullins got \$1.01, Tom Alaniz recovered \$3.26, Brian Kinnear got \$1.32, I worked the low tide area and recovered \$1.79 and a toy car and a pair of sun glasses, my wife Zee found \$3.66 and a toy car, John Howe recovered \$4.57 and a can opener.

The next hunt will be August 27th at Pacific Beach, just south of the pier at sun-up and we will meet at 10 a. m. to show our finds. The tide will be low giving us a lot of wet area to hunt. Should you have any questions, give me a call at my shop Columbia Metal Detectors [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or on my cell [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900).

Hunt Smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

We had our July outing at Imperial Beach on the 8th. We had a total of 8 hunters and 1 "watcher". It was another beautiful day to be at the beach and everyone found something. We dug a total of 145 coins for \$14.91. Not the best haul, but the top 3 hunters were north of the pier. The rest of us went south. So you gotta pick the right spot!

Here are the details:

Yoko 42 coins for \$5.33, a toe ring, keys

Brian Kinnear 46 coins for \$3.96

Ken Colby 20 coins for \$2.82 and a cell phone (returned)

John Howe 17 coins for \$1.59 and a key

Bill Laffoon 11 coins for \$0.88

Roz Laffoon 7 coins for \$0.31, an earring and a pair of sissors

Jerry Kaplan 2 coins for 0.02 and a new winner of the "Laffoon" SKUNK!

The August hunt on 6th will be at South-South Mission Beach (at the jetty).
Details will be forthcoming.

What color is your membership card?

If it is not BEIGE then you are not a current member in good standing.

You will need to fill out a new membership application to receive 2017/2018 membership card at the back sign-in table during the break.

What Do You Mean My Membership and Card Has Expired:

If you do not have the new 'beige' colored membership card then your membership with TSSD has expired and you are no longer considered a member of TSSD in good standing.

This means that you are no longer able to use the TSSD claims – period.

If you are on a TSSD claim without a current "beige" membership card then you are considered "claim jumping" and legal recourse could be taken.

Holding a TSSD claims guide does not give you the right to work our claims. You must have a current membership card as well.

See page 7 and 8 for membership requirements.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Robert Cook and Jerry Goldstein for their presentation on Roaring Camp.

To Sue Conner and Ron Gonsalves for a delicious Picnic BBQ.

To Jerry Goldstein for all his work on the metal detecting contest and prizes for the July picnic.

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

Name Tags:

TSSD has a new vendor for the screen printed, hard plastic, name tags.

They are \$10.00 each with a pin back or \$12.00 each for a magnetic mount.

Please see Mary Troseth at the sign in table to order yours.



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!*

Please remember to go 'vote' for your favorite Finds of the Month!

Miner's Cookbook Corner:
By Judy Carpenter

Raspberry Rhapsody Salad

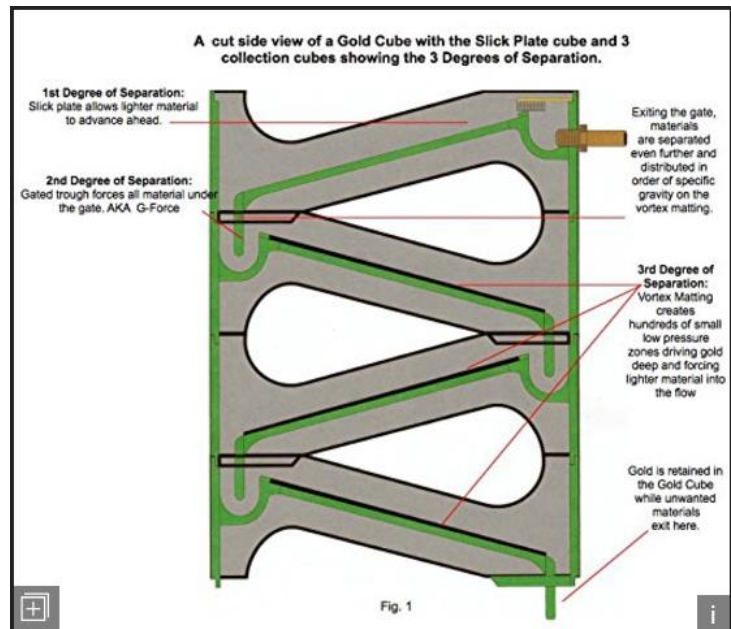
- 6 oz. pkg. Raspberry Jell-O
- 2 cups Boiling Water
- 2 cups Raspberry Sherbet
- ½ to 1 cup Frozen or Fresh Raspberries

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water.
Add sherbet and stir until melted.
Add raspberries and chill until set.

You can change the Jell-O to orange and use orange sherbet and mandarin oranges or strawberry Jell-O with strawberry sherbet and strawberries.

September's Quarterly Drawing:

3 Stack Gold Cube!



August Outing:

There is no scheduled outing for the month of August.

Outings and Events:

August 2nd – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm

August 6th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
South Mission Beach @ the Jetty
Time to be Announced

August 27th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Pacific Beach
7:00am

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

AUGUST 2017 <small>24calendars.com</small>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Download Free Printable August 2017 Calendar from www.24calendars.com

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/>

ANNUAL S.P.M.A. SWAP MEET

Place: VFW Hall, 2885 Lemon Grove Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.
(6 blocks south of Hwy 94)
Date: **Tuesday, August 15th, 2017**
Time: 6PM till dark

This Swap Meet is FREE to anyone that has Mining or Metal detecting equipment for sale. In fact anything related to these hobbies can be sold at the Swap Meet.

So, this is a perfect event for people looking for used equipment or supplies to help them in their adventures.

The Swap Meet is held in the VFW parking lot.

Website Master:

TSSD is looking for a Website Master. Tracy, our current website master, will be moving at the end of 2017, and we are looking for a replacement.

Does not require many hours once the site is up and running. Need to be able to post the monthly newsletter and calendar each month and update any pertinent information such as the Board Member listing.

Tracy is more than willing to work with whoever takes it over. And he suggests a possibly 'facelift' to the site as it has been a while.

If you are interested please contact Charlene Myers at charlenemyers@cox.net

July Meeting Summary:

119 people in attendance

8 New Applications Received – yearly renewal

54 out of 234 New Membership Cards were not picked up.

Door Prize: Rod Regan

50/50 Winner: Marvin Foster

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Brian Kinnear and Paul Mullins

Gems & Minerals: Pat Regan and Janice Davies

Gold: No entries

Gold Nugget Winners:

Pat Regan, Greg Vellas – twice, Tom Paulson – twice, Warren Adams and Duncan Fane.

Interested in Joining Us?

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

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.

GPAA update . . .

by Frank M. Trutta

GPAA is no longer selling their Membership Kits to clubs/associations. 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/associations, just designate which one you want the points to go to and they will give the club/association credit. This way the club/associations 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).

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 "beige" 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 three (3) months.

1st meeting:

Complete and turn in a membership application.

2nd meeting:

You will be given your TSSD membership card.

3rd meeting:

You will be able to purchase a TSSD Claims Guide with proof of your membership card.

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.

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.

Hard Plastic Name Tags - \$10.00 each with pin - \$12.00 each with magnetic.

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 Prizes” that will be drawn at the February 2018 meeting.

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, 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, 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.

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

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.

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.

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.*

CLASSIFIEDS:

For Sale:

Rock Crusher 14" x 16" drum with 27 1x1 steel hammers used only on 40 buckets \$ 800.00, new price was \$1600.00.

Small Rock Crusher 14" drum x 6" with 8 1x1" steel Hammers used for demonstration only wet or dry. Like Keen Dry Washer 30"x 10"new, blower not included \$600.00.

Used Bucket vacuum with 10' 3" hose \$ 150.00, was new 345.00.

New Retort \$79.00.

Contact: Klaus Golhke @ 619-300-9704

For Sale:

"Treasure magazines, all in binders"

Western Treasures, Winter 1963, Vol 1, #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.

For Sale:

Detector-Deus(pronounced "day-oos"). Completely wireless and very light so can be swung all day with no fatigue. Breaks down to easily fit in any carry-on or back pack. Comes with 2 headphones and both have their own control screen as well as the main screen on the shaft. It has 4 separate frequencies but is not multifrequency so it is good on small gold. A new 50 kHz coil and easily mounted shaft just came on the market. I paid \$1500 for this amazing detector in 2014. Asking \$700. Contact - Jon Cunningham - 619-222-9356

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

What to do in the month of August:

If you do not go to the high country for prospecting – the month of August is a great time to take inventory of your mining equipment and check to make sure all is in good operating condition.

Man, it is HOT Outside – Know the Difference:

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion • Headache, dizziness, or fainting • Weakness and wet skin • Irritability or confusion • Thirst, nausea, or vomiting

Symptoms of Heat Stroke • May be confused, unable to think clearly, pass out, collapse, or have seizures (fits) • May stop sweating

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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