# TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# 2018 OUTING CALENDER

*Subject to Change*

## JANUARY
- **Chapter Meeting** – 3rd
- **Metal Detecting** – 7th
- **Club Outing** – 20th & 21st Kramer Hills Gem Hunt
- **Metal Detecting** – 21st

## FEBRUARY
- **Chapter Meeting** – 7th
- **Metal Detecting** – 11th
- **Club Outing** – 17th & 18th Cargo Claims
- **Metal Detecting** – 25th

## MARCH
- **Chapter Meeting** – 7th
- **Metal Detecting** – 11th
- **Club Outing** – 17th & 18th Freedom Claim
- **Metal Detecting** – 25th

## APRIL
- **Chapter Meeting** – 4th
- **Metal Detecting** – 8th
- **Club Outing** – 21st & 22nd Hall of Fame Claim
- **Metal Detecting** – 22nd

## MAY
- **Chapter Meeting** – 2nd
- **Metal Detecting** – 6th
- **Club Outing** – 20th Seeded Metal Detecting Hunt
- **Kit Carson Park**
- **Metal Detecting** – 20th

## JUNE
- **Chapter Meeting** – 6th
- **Metal Detecting** – 10th
- **Club Outing** – 16th & 17th Gold Mountain
- **Metal Detecting** – 24th

## JULY
- **Chapter Meeting** – 11th
- **Metal Detecting** – 15th
- **Club Outing** – 21st Picnic at Dixon Lake
- **Metal Detecting** – 22nd

## AUGUST
- **Chapter Meeting** – 1st
- **Metal Detecting** – 5th
- **Club Outing** – 18th & 19th Bridge to Nowhere San Gabriel
- **Metal Detecting** – 26th

## SEPTEMBER
- **Chapter Meeting** – 5th
- **Metal Detecting** – 9th
- **Club Outing** – 15th Seeded Metal Detecting Hunt Bonita Cove
- **Metal Detecting** – 23rd

## OCTOBER
- **Chapter Meeting** – 3rd
- **Metal Detecting** – 7th
- **Club Outing** – 20th & 21st Cady Mtn/Hector Gem Hunt
- **Metal Detecting** – 21st

## NOVEMBER
- **Chapter Meeting** – 7th
- **Metal Detecting** – 11th
- **Club Outing** – 17th & 18th Cargo Claims
- **Metal Detecting** – 25th

## DECEMBER
- **Chapter Meeting** – 5th
- **Metal Detecting** – 9th
- **Club Outing** – Christmas Party to TBA
- **Metal Detecting** – 23rd
 Searching the Beaches:  
By Frank Trutta

Now that all the hassles of the holidays are over its time to start getting back to the beaches to see what presents are waiting for us. We have a Black Friday Sale every time we go to the beach. Open 24 hours a day, 100% off the prices in the stores, easy parking and easy return policy – just throw it back. How lucky we are.

Our beach hunt for January 21st will be at Pacific Beach and we will meet at 10:00 to show off our finds. Please call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, at 760 743-8516 or catch me on my cell phone 760 291-7900.

Hunt smart.

Metal Detecting with John:  
By John Howe

Our December hunt at Moonlight Beach turned out better than I'd expected. Not only was the weather great, so was the turnout and the number of finds found! We had 14 hunters who found a total of 236 coins for a total of $17.14. Julie Shain had the find of the day. She found a silver ring with a beautiful fire opal. Gorgeous!

Here's the breakdown of everybody's finds sorted by $$

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Finds</th>
<th>$ Total</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>Brian Kinnear</td>
<td>38 coins</td>
<td>$3.26</td>
<td>hunting the grassy areas!</td>
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<td>Zee Trutta</td>
<td>42 coins</td>
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<td>John Howe</td>
<td>28 coins</td>
<td>$2.38</td>
<td>a lifeguard tag, a pretty junk bracelet</td>
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<td>Paul Mullins</td>
<td>23 coins</td>
<td>$1.86</td>
<td>Taiwan pin, junk ring</td>
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<td>Naveid Quaraishy (Navi)</td>
<td>15 coins</td>
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<td>Mike Donnelly</td>
<td>11 coins</td>
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<td>Jerry Kaplan</td>
<td>25 coins</td>
<td>$1.25</td>
<td>a silver (?) earring, keys</td>
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<td>Frank Trutta</td>
<td>15 coins</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
<td>a pretty junk bracelet</td>
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<td>Cliff Vaughn</td>
<td>8 coins</td>
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<td>Julie Shain</td>
<td>5 coins</td>
<td>$0.56</td>
<td>a very pretty silver ring with a fire opal.</td>
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<td>Jay Perales</td>
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<td>Roz Laffoon</td>
<td>7 coins</td>
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<td>Bill Laffoon</td>
<td>3 coins</td>
<td>$0.16</td>
<td>And the winner of the Laffoon Skunk!</td>
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| Tom Mix (really!) | 1 coin     | $0.01    | First timers get a "skunk pass"

One of us left his finds behind. I think it was Navi but probably Mike Donnelly based on count, so I'll bring them to the next meeting, so long as I remember.

The January 7th hunt will be at Mission Beach but I will be across the street at Bonita Cove scooping hundreds of coins in the Coinshooters mini-hunt. I'll need someone to fill in for me taking names and finds. Of course everyone's invited for the after-hunt at the cove to search for our "misses". And if you're not a member of Coinshooters, you're welcome to participate in the mini-hunt but it'll cost you $20.
Miner’s Cookbook Corner:
By Judy Carpenter

January is National Soup Month
Chicken Soup de Tortilla

In a blender container combine the can of tomatoes (juice and all), onions, garlic, cilantro and sugar. Cover and blend till nearly smooth. In a large sauce pan combine the cubed chicken, chicken broth and tomato mixture. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer about 20 minutes.
Meanwhile cut the tortilla into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Heat the oil and fry the strips until crispy and light brown. Drain on paper towels. Or use store bought tortilla is desired.
When ready to serve ladle soup in bowls and top with the shredded cheese.

Thank you – You Make a Difference!
To Michele Silva for her excellent presentation on AKAU Gold & Resort and Nome, Alaska.
To Sue Conner & Ron Gonsalves for hosting and cooking the TSSD Annual Christmas Dinner!
To all you who came to set up, assist Sue and Ron and stayed to clean up – Thank you!
To each and every volunteer that it takes to run a meeting and all the behind the scene actions. You are appreciated.

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.

Interested in Joining Us?
Please come to the sign in table at the beginning of break and fill out an application.
January Outing –

Kramer Hills Gem Area
January 20th (21st), 2018

Saturday, January 20th, 2018 (and if you wish to camp – Sunday, January 21st) will find TSSD exploring Kramer Hills Gem Area(s).

Kramer Hills is located off of Hwy. 395 approximately 3 ½ miles south of Kramer Junction where Hwy. 395 and Hwy. 58 meet.

The meeting location will be at ALCUDIA Road and Hwy. 395. Everyone should be at the meeting location **by 9:00am** on Saturday morning. It is approximately 146 miles from Escondido to Kramer Jct.
January Outing – continued

Kramer Hills Gem Area
January 20th (21st), 2018

The Kramer Hills have been a productive rockhounding area since the 1940’s. It still yields tons of beautiful common opal, agate and mixtures of both, Petrified Bog showing reeds, twigs and grasses, seam agate, dendritic agates, moss & flower agate, jasper, petrified palm, opalite, chert and other.

You can drive throughout most of this area with 2 wheel drive, but stay on the good roads. Enter this area from Alcudia Road, approximately 3.5 miles south of Kramer Junction. Head east on Alcudia Road, and explore.

This is a new area to most of us, so more details will be announced with the e-mail reminder for this outing and with our guest speaker at the January meeting.

What to bring:
Food, Water, Hat, Gloves, Walking/hiking boots, eye protection
Collecting bags and tools, Newspaper to wrap your finds in and a Full tank of fuel
Come prepared for ‘you’ and what you will need for the day.

Many websites and blogs can be found about this area by just Googling “Kramer Hills”.

Claims Guide Note –
Steve Balbo will not be at the January Meeting so there will be no selling of the TSSD Claims Guides. He will be back for the February meeting.
Outings and Events:

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

January 7th – Sunday:  Metal Detecting with John Howe  
Mission Beach  
Time to be Announced

January 20th (21st) – Saturday (Sunday):  
Kramer Hills Gem Hunt  
Hwy. 395 & Kramer Junction  
Time to be Announced

February 7th – Wednesday:  TSSD General Meeting  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido  
6:30pm

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!
December Meeting Summary:

116 people in attendance

6 New Applications Received – yearly renewal

37 out of 265 New Membership Cards were not picked up.

Door Prize: Linda Durbin

50/50 Winner: Larry Owen

Finds of the Month Winners:
Metal Detecting: N/A
Gems & Minerals: N/A
   Gold: N/A

Gold Nugget Winners:
Dain Blackburn, Chad Gonnella, Frank Trutta, Dave Shrinner, Blaine Cunningham and Mike Gillis.

Metal Detector – Paul Mullins

December’s Quarterly Drawing – 3 Gold Nuggets – David Reeve

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 or to pick up your order.

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
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.

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.

How many ‘guests ‘on our claims is too many?

Re-read your Claim Rules and Regulations that you signed when signing your membership application (a copy is in the claims guide – 3rd page, 3rd paragraph).

“The TSSD claims are for the use of TSSD members only. A guest can only go to the organization claims with a TSSD member. A limit of 2 guests with an additional 2 guests by permission of the TSSD President. The guest is limited to two visits and then must then become a member of the TSSD and purchase a TSSD Claims Guide. Unruly guests are the responsibility of the corresponding TSSD member.”

So those of you who invite more than 2 guests, time after time after time, are in violation of TSSD Claim Rules and Regulations and will place you in a NOT good standing with the association and your membership can (and will) be withdrawn.

Police yourself.  Don’t ruin it for yourself or others.
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 9 and 10 for membership requirements.

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 or 760 291-7900.

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.

**I Still Receive the TSSD Newsletter – does that make me a member?**
Receiving the TSSD Newsletter, “Finders Keepers”, does NOT make you a member of TSSD. You must meet the requirements for active membership.

**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](http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsm/2800/2810.doc)  
This is a PDF file well worth the read.

**Websites to stay informed with:**
Western Mining Alliance – [www.westernminingalliance.org](http://www.westernminingalliance.org)
Public Lands for the People (PLP) - [http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/](http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/)
Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) - [http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/](http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/)
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, Torrso Bandido, Torrso Lobo and others  
And other items for prospecting.

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.

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.

CLASSIFIEDS:

For Sale:
Keene 190 complete with hose and blower new 2195.00 used 3 times asking 1099.00.
Keene sluice box never used 100.00.
Mountain goat trommel 250.00.
Desert fox spiral wheel self-contained 150.00.
Contact: Ken Maltby at 951-522-7710

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 Will consider selling all for $500.

If you wish to place a classified ad ~ please summit 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, cashes 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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