

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

President's Message:

Greetings Treasureseekers;

Time is already flying this year, Valentines and Presidents days are already upon us and with a short stutterstep our 2018 activities schedule is off and running. The January metal detecting was on the same day as the Coinshooters seeded hunt and most of us joined them at Bonita Cove. There were a total of 13 hunters and 4,000 coins hidden. This was a formula for a great return. Personally, I found 287 targets during the actual hunt with plenty of targets coming in at the end of time mark. Several of us went out for the after hunt and everyone turned up another 100 coins each. I ended up with just under 500 coins and tokens.

Our original date for the Kramer Hills rockhounding trip on the 20th was very windy and pretty cold so we slipped it one week to the 27th. It turned out to be a perfect day and the amount of jasper and agate was truly amazing. 25 of us showed up and promptly disappeared into the desert. I know I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and plan to go back and continue exploring this area.

This month we are off to the Cargo Muchachos and if the weather holds it should be a great trip as well. See you out there.

Your Prez,
Jerry Kaplan

Tonight!

February's Annual "Super Prizes"!



Tonight is the drawing for all those fantastic extra supper prizes!

From when you buy \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets and you get that extra ticket. Don't forget to bring your tickets with you! Salmon in color. Jerry Goldstein has out done himself on this year's prizes!

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The Pacific Beach hunt started off nice and cold but warmed up as time went on. Overall fewer targets were found as due to fewer people visiting the beaches. There was a number of cuts but there was too much sand still on the beach to get down to the real heavy stuff. I came up with 16 coins for \$1.41, Tom Alaniz recovered 10 coins and a sterling silver ring, Joan came up with a few coins, Jerry Kaplan got 7 coins, John Howe came up with 14 coins for 93 cents, Brian Kinnear got \$1.63 and Cliff Vaughan hit 28 coins for \$1.38 a dog tag and a Bic lighter.

Hopefully we will get some good storms that will strip some of the sand off of the beaches and produce some good cuts for us to work.

Our next hunt will be at Mission Beach at the big parking lot south of the roller coaster on February 25th at sun-up and we will meet at 10:00 to show off our finds. Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors [760 743-8516](tel:7607438516) or catch me on my cell phone [760 291-7900](tel:7602917900).

Hunt Smart!

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

Because I had a conflict, I scheduled the hunt for Mission Beach and apparently only Cliff Vaughn came. We did have some members show up for the seeded hunt across the street at Bonita Cove. The attendees I remember were:

Me

Brian Kinnear

Jerry Kaplan

Robert Cook

Rich Heygi

Cliff Vaughn

I didn't keep a tally for us, but I know some of us had over \$30 in finds and token prizes. I personally had over 370 targets so it was a lot of scooping! That includes the 100 coins I scooped in the after-hunt. There was an "extra" blackjack hunt. Nickels were glued to playing cards and you used these to play against the dealer to win cash.

It was a fun day.

The February hunt will be at Ocean Beach on the 11th. I hope there's treasure there!

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Jeanny Pierce and Jerry Kaplan on their excellent presentation on Kramer Hills gem area.

To Mary Troseth for filling in on membership and sign in table. You are awesome!

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

Miner's Cookbook Corner:
By Judy Carpenter

Cheesy Broccoli Rice Casserole

- 10 ounces frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2- 10 1/2-ounce cans of cream of chicken or mushroom soup
- 1- 5 ounce can Evaporated milk (I like Carnations)
- 1 small white onion, diced
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup of cooked white chicken, cubed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt & pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter

Sauté' onions and celery in the butter until soft. Add chicken, salt and pepper. In a large bowl, combine the soup, milk, cooked rice, broccoli, onions and chicken. Fold in about 2 cups of the shredded cheese. After mixing together pour into a greased 2-quart casserole dish. Use the remaining cheese to top the casserole. Bake at 350 for 25- 30 mins to melt the cheese and heat thoroughly.

March's Quarterly Prize:

Garrett 400 Metal Detector!

Purchase your winning ticket at the raffle table!



Interested in Joining Us?

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

February Outing –

TSSD's "Cargo" Claims

Treasure Seekers of San Diego will be holding their monthly outing, Saturday and Sunday, February 17th & 18th, 2018 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 majority of the actual claims, you should 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.

Outings and Events:

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

February 11th - Sunday: Metal Detecting with John Howe
Ocean Beach
Time to be Announced

February 17th & 18th – Saturday & Sunday:
TSSD Cargo Claims

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

February 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Chinese New Year	17	18
19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

FreePrintableCalendar2018.Com

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!

January's Meeting Summary:

118 people in attendance

3 New Applications Received – yearly renewal

Door Prize: Mark Johnson

50/50 Winner: Brian Winter

Finds of the Month Winners:

Metal Detecting: Paul Mullin and Brian Kinnear

Gems & Minerals: Jeanny Pierce and Jean Bradley

Gold: N/A – no entry

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

Desert = Valley Fever & Masks – are you prepared?

Enjoy time in the desert? Love digging for gold or treasure? If you are moving dirt then you are at risk – are you prepared to protect yourself from Valley Fever? Valley Fever is very real for both humans and dogs. Here is the link to the Mayo Clinic explaining Valley Fever -

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/valley-fever/symptoms-causes/syc-20378761>

Protect yourself by wearing a “Particulate Respirator 8511 N95”. We like the ones with the Exhalation Valve for easier breathing. N95 is the magic number! We just never know what is in the dirt we are digging in.

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 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](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.

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.

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 *This is a PDF file well worth the read.*

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/>

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
- 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 a claims guide.

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](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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* Denotes Director at Large

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