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MEMBERSHIP(S)

Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) Memberships:

The below information was taken directly from the GPAA website Membership pages, as of January 4th, 2009.

Basic Membership:

Includes membership to GPAA, Gold Prospectors Magazine subscription (a bi-monthly magazine) and eligibility for the GPAA/LDMA outings. These are common dig outing for members to get together and learn prospecting techniques using various types of equipment, meet new members and have fun in the outdoors.

Cost: \$30.00 per year plus tax.

Buzzard Special Membership:

Includes membership to GPAA (this includes husband/wife or significant others and children under the age of 18), Gold Prospectors Magazine subscription (a bi-monthly magazine), Claims Guide Mining Guide - these are GPAA claims for your family to prospect and camp on for up to 14 days. GPAA Prospecting Permit - you need this permit when prospecting on ALL GPAA claims. Pick and Shovel Newsletters - newsletters to update you on new and possible closed claims. Eligibility for the GPAA/LDMA outings. 14 inch gold pan. GPAA membership patch, window decal, baseball style hat, bumper sticker, snuffer bottle, Surefire Panning Video and How to read your Mining Guide Book. And two free ore evaluations - not an assay, but the GPAA claims department will help determine if its gold or not.

Cost: \$67.50 plus tax and shipping and handling

12 month GPAA Membership Renewal without Mining Guide:

This is for existing GPAA members who already have the current Mining Guide and do not wish another one.

Cost: \$49.50 per year.

12 month GPAA Membership Renewal with Mining Guide:

Includes the new Mining Guide, Prospecting Permit, 12 month Gold Prospectors Magazine subscription and the Pick and Shovel Newsletter (a publication that updates the mining guide)

Cost: \$59.50 per year plus tax and shipping and handling.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Metal Detecting*
Sunday, January 11th
8:00 AM
Tamarack Beach,
Carlsbad
- *GPAA Gold Show*
San Bernardino
Friday, Jan. 9th -
Set Up
Saturday & Sunday,
January 10th & 11th—
10 AM till 5 PM
- *Friendly Fox Outing*
January 17th & 18th

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Oh! Lordy! We had a great Christmas meeting and Christmas Party and it appeared that all those who came, enjoyed themselves. I would like to give a personal thanks for all those who made it possible. We had a fantastic turnout at both functions.

And so, Happy New Year! Here we are ready to start off a brand new year. At the end of this week, we will be at the GPAA Gold Show in San Bernardino. This is where we all can find those gold prospecting and metal detecting gadgets we need to get out in the outdoors and have some fun. This is about the closest place you will get to seeing and being able to purchase all those supplies. We will be there starting on Friday, the 9th, and come home on Sunday, the 11th.

Then on the third weekend, we will have our outing at the Friendly Fox Claim. The weather should be perfect for this trip. I understand that there has been some BLM signs added out there for camping. Don’t know if this is going to interfere with our claim or not.

And if you like to travel to Laughlin for the casinos, the GPAA is putting on a Gold Show out in this area on the 23rd and 24th of January. We are not planning on having a booth at that event. But there is plenty of events for our members to go to for this month. What a great bunch of friends to enjoy it with. I have the feeling that this year will be just as great or even better than last year. Waiting to see ya all again.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, January 8th:

1:00 PM

Board Meeting

1401 El Norte Parkway

Madrid Manor Mobile Home Park, San Marcos

Sunday, January 11th:

Metal Detecting

8:00 AM

Tamarack Beach, Carlsbad

Friday, January 9th:

GPAA National Orange Show

Noon till 6:00 PM - Set Up

Saturday and Sunday,

January 10th & 11th:

GPAA National Orange Show

8:00 to 10:00 AM - Set Up

Show Times:

Saturday - 10 AM till 5 PM

Sunday - 10 AM till 4 PM

Sunday - 4 PM till 6 PM - Tear down.

Saturday and Sunday,

January 17th & 18th -

Outing

Friendly Fox Claim

(down by Yuma)

T.S.S.

Mining Claims Guide

Available for

Purchase

\$10.00 per guide

Please see:

Lee Crnkovic

UP COMING OUTING

January 17th and 18th, Treasure Seekers will hold their monthly outing at the Friendly Fox claim, outside of Yuma.

Accessibility is easy. Motorhomes up to 33 feet have no problem.

Lots of flat spots for tents, trailers and vehicles.

Fine gold to flakes to a small picker or two have been found here. Good for dry washing and metal detecting.

Most members have worked the immediate wash to the camping area, but no one has really 'explored' the rest of the claim area. The 'camping' spot is the site of the old El Colorado Mining office and housing site.

There are ruins to be seen in the immediate area.

There is many things to see and do at this location. Old mines (El Colorado to name one) to explore, gems to be found, desert fauna in bloom. Just be safe and watch where you step or drive for any open shafts.

Friendly Fox is named after a little fox (or foxes) that calls this claim his home. He/she seems to come out and visits the site around dusk. He/she is shy of bright, white, flashlights, but if you have a flashlight that can accommodate a red lens, this is best for viewing the fox.

FRIENDLY FOX CLAIM

Also, it is suggested that at the end of each day, you make sure that all food is put away in some type of container, as this fox has been known to take off with dog food and other stuff that has been left out in the open in plastic bags.

A potluck will be held Saturday night. Please bring a dish to share.

Firewood is always welcome for the evening fires and story telling.

For directions to the claim, please refer to the TSS claim guide.

DECEMBER'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, December 3rd:

Chapter Meeting

95 people in attendance.

0 new members

5 guests

Saturday, December 6th:

Annual Christmas Party

Approximately 60 members and families in attendance.

Sunday, December 7th:

Metal Detecting

6 members in attendance.

DECEMBER MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Betty Perry, Mark Redding, Lois Dolan and David Rice

Door Prize Winner: Jerry Ferris

50/50 Winner: Gene Oliver

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: Wayne Jones

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: Jerry Goldstein

Finds of the Month Winner - Minerals: Julie Schalow

Grand Prize Winner - Gold Nugget (93 grains or 1/4 oz) - Robert Otto

Quarterly Attendance Winner: *We find out tonight!*

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY: FRANK TRUITTA

With the little storms we have been having now is a good time to check out the beaches for sand movement. We all hope for major destruction and erosion but unfortunately that has not occurred for some time so we have to be alert to minor changes to our favorite spots and take advantage of any movement of sand that is favorable for us.

I worked one beach that had a small cut about twelve inches high. I checked out the low tide area and found no targets. I assumed the sand that washed out of the cut covered the flat area so I worked the cut. I scanned next to the cut for one third of a mile (measured it with Google Earth) turned around and scanned about six feet out all the way back. This took about four hours. I would hit three or four coins than a long stretch with nothing but I did manage to get a nice man's ring with three diamonds in it.

My wife and I came back a couple of days later. This time the cut was about two feet high. She started working the cut and picked up over four dollars and I started on the flat low tide area. My third target was another large man's gold ring with three diamonds on it. Made my day. This time when the cut was formed the sand washed out and formed a small sand bar farther out. Working this flat area for about three hours I ended up with three gold rings, four junk pendants, two pieces of earrings and 48 coins. Not too many targets but a high percentage of jewelry. The next day I worked the same area and my first two targets were rings. I ended up with five junk rings and 13 coins. Coming back a couple of days later I picked up a nice 14K ring with a cluster of 40 diamonds. Remember - "Never give up".



All of the above targets were fairly deep. In order to find these good targets when you go out you have to think to yourself these good targets are out there, and they are. In order to get these you must grid every square inch and go dead slow. If you think you are going slow you are probably going too fast so slow down even more. Go slower and if you find you are forcing yourself to go slow you are getting close to the sweep speed you should be using.

At the last club outing at Oceanside I started gridding the slope out to the water, the six other people there started working and in about a half an hour they were scattered, racing all over the beach and I was still in the same spot. In two hours, working the same area, I picked up a 10K gold ring.

Don't race all over the beach! Whatever is there is not moving.

Hunt Smart!

GRAND PRIZE

Tickets can be purchased for the Grand Prize of portable, folding sluice box. Drawing will take place at the March meeting. Have you gotten your tickets?

If you were born in the month of January -

Your flower is: Carnation or Snowdrop

Your stone is: Garnet, Emerald or Rose Quartz

Your meaning is: Loyalty, Constancy

Your colors are: Black, Dark Blue, Dark Red

Garnet: Of the red garnets, which are most common in jewelry, the blood-red color is the most valuable. And is extremely durable, suitable for jewelry worn daily.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

*HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009**Welcome back to the Miner's cookbook page.**Hope your New Year is starting off with all good things and better things to come in the following months.*

January is National Soup month - So on those cold winters' night we can all warm up with a bowl of soup. You could just heat up a store bought can of soup or you can make a delicious soup from your pantry. It's quick, it's easy and you can make as little or as much as you wish.

For a ***Basic Vegetable Soup*** you will need a stock, 2 quarts either homemade, store bought or use bullion cubes to make stock, usually beef or chicken.

ADD:

3-4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed, fresh or canned

2 carrots, peeled and sliced, fresh or canned

2 stalks of celery, cut into bite size pieces

1 medium onion, chopped

2 (16 oz) canned stewed or chopped tomatoes

If using fresh potatoes and carrots they will need to start cooking first as they take longer, about 25 to 30 minutes, then add the rest of the ingredients, simmer for 1 to 2 hours or use a crock pot or slow cooker to heat.

Other ingredients optional: salt and pepper to taste, garlic powder, bay leaves, oregano, Tabasco sauce, Worcestershire sauce, a handful of noodles, rice, peas, corn, beans, or add left over beef to make it a Veggie Beef soup.

Don't be afraid to use up all those left overs in the refrigerator.

Super Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1st, Kick Off at 3:20 PM Pacific Time

Super Bowl Chili

1 to 2 pound lean ground beef, browned

2 large cans of Kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 large can Pinto beans, drained

1 to 2 medium onions, sautéed

1 small can diced tomatoes

1 to 2 Tablespoons powdered chili powder, your choice hot, mild or medium

Tabasco sauce to taste

Salt and pepper to taste

Brown ground beef then pour into a large stock pot, add the beans, spices, sauté' the onions and add to the stock pot. Heat and Serve.

MEMBERSHIP(S)

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GPAA Membership(s) continued.**Gold Life Membership:**

Lifetime membership includes the Gold Prospectors Magazines, and the GPAA Claims guide books and Prospecting permits. You may sign up for a GPAA GoldLife Membership for as little as \$50.00 down and pay \$50.00 per month (with NO interest or carrying charges) for 18 months. Once you have paid your membership in full, you will also received the Hudson Bay Copper Gold Pan.

Cost: \$950.00

Lost Dutchman's Mining Associaton (LDMA) membership:

Is a lifetime membership that includes the use of deeded, patented properties that are maintained by LDMA. These lands are proven gold bearing lands. There are 16 locations nation wide. These are 'private' camps for LDMA members only.

Cost: Membership: \$25.00 per month or \$300.00 per year *and*

Maintenance dues: \$8.00 per month or \$96.00 per year.

If you are lucky enough to obtain a LDMA membership for sale from a private party - that is your best deal to be found.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego (TSS) membership:

Our membership is free. We are a chapter of the GPAA and follow their guidelines.

As with TSS and GPAA claims, each member must have with them (1) their current membership(s) cards and (2) their claim guides while on the claims. Each member is responsible for their own safety, as well as their family members and/or guests. And any damage caused while on a claim, i.e.: extensive holes or tunnels.

Guests of GPAA members are restricted to panning only on these claims and in the company of an actual member.

Both TSS and GPAA mining claims are NOT real property, but a claim to the minerals on Public Lands.

GPAA**Membership Kits****Available****At each TSS Meeting****\$71.00 per kit****Cash or Check**

**We save you the shipping and
handling cost for GPAA!**

Available at the membership/sign in table.



MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING



At our December Chapter Meeting - we asked for donations to the **AniMeals** program through the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

Our members donated approximately 2 dozen bags of dry food and 60 cans of wet food, for cats and dogs belonging to our elderly in our communities and are on a very limited budget.



MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY



NEW THINGS FOR 2009 ~

2009 finds new things for our chapter.

First: Ray Wilkerson has accepted the position with GPAA as Claims Committee State Director for San Diego County. Congratulations Ray. We wish you the very best in your new endeavors. Ray joins six other people in this directorship.

Second: Quarterly Attendance Drawing will be ceasing. Tonight will be the last night for the quarterly attendance drawing. Tonight's drawing is for the months of October, November and December 2008.

Third: Grand Prize drawings. The grand prize drawings will occur at the end of each quarter (March, June, September and December). This is to allow the members to know which meeting the grand prize will be drawn for.

Fourth: You are required to have your TSS membership card and TSS claims guide with you while working any of the TSS claims. This is the same requirement as when on a GPAA claim.

Fifth: TSS membership cards are good until April 30th of the current year. New cards are issued at the May meeting. New members joining TSS are given their card at the second meeting that they attend.

Sixth: TSS does not charge dues. But we do ask that you come to the meetings to support the chapter. If you have not attended a meeting in the last three months, you will be removed from the roster and e-mail list. We understand that some members can not always attend each and every meeting. But we ask for your support at the meetings, outings and events. Your participation is what keeps this chapter going.

Seventh: Nominations and elections for President and Treasurer are coming up. Nominations open at the March meeting and the election is held at the April meeting.

On behalf of the Board and Directors at Large, we thank each and every member for a great and inspiring 2008.

Without each of you, TSS would not be where it is today.

We wish you a joyous and safe 2009.

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CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

For Sale -

Drink to your Health. Mona-vie contains 19 super fruits, is all natural and 2 shots give you more than the RDA of fruit servings each day. It has had incredibly amazing health results for all.

Contact: Stephen Gates 951-551-4128

For Sale -

Home made puffers (drywashers)

Contact: Charles Gates 760-237-3782 or gates_69_88@hotmail.com

Looking For Extra Work -

Charles Gates, who is currently serving in the military is in need of extra work to help make ends meet. He is looking for members to call him if they have any extra work that he can help with or know of someone who does need assistance. He is willing to work evenings and weekends. No job too small.

Contact: Charles Gates 760-237-3782 or gates_69_88@hotmail.com

For Sale -

LDMA Membership - Only \$1,000.00

You pay the Transfer Fees

Contact: Chester Nowicki 760-747-1165 or candhnow@cox.net

For Sale -

Blue Bowl with 1000 GPH pump and 4 classifiers. Used twice. \$100.00

Contact: Charlene Myers 760-439-8521 or charlenemyers@cox.net

Looking For Extra Work -

Handyman and miscellaneous jobs. Framing, drywall, painting, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, doors and windows, hauling and pretty much any other around the house type of jobs.

Contact: Josh Lewis 919-810-6369 or JPLEWIS0629@cox.net

For Sale -

Keene 141 dry washer. Freshly tuned - ready to go. New air hose. s\$400.00

Contact: Lee Crnokvic 760-519-7757 or slgacrnk@aol.com

Treasure Seekers of San Diego welcomes the opportunity for it's members to run free ad's in the newsletter.

This is just a reminder that Treasure Seekers of San Diego does not endorse or guarantee any product sold or purchased through these ads.

That is strictly the buyers and sellers responsibility.

Gold Bags

\$6.00 per bag

Or

Summer Special Of

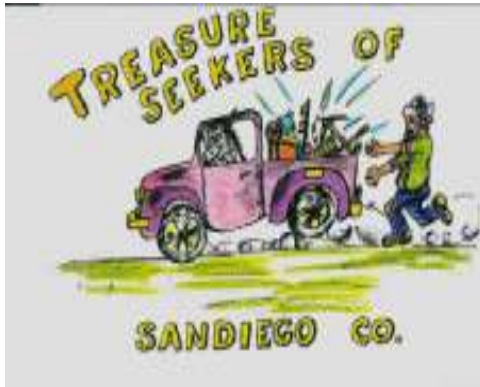
4 bags for \$20.00

1 in every 10 bags has a little 'extra' something in it.

But we will never tell which bags they are!

T.S.S. sells bags of gold concentrates. This is a great way to practice your panning skills plus save on gas money!

Get yours today!



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MISSION STATEMENT:

Treasure Seekers Of San Diego County (T.S.S.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a GPAA chapter. Non GPAA members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on the claims committee, or utilize GPAA 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.

Meetings are held at the Joslyn Senior Center

210 Park Avenue, Escondido.

On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30—9:00 PM.

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