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President's Message January. 2010

Happy New Year to all of you. At least our seventh year as the Treasure Seekers of San Diego County. I still remember even before that, a small group of us went out looking for the Lost Arch Gold. We then formed a small club of around 20 to 30 folks. We have been growing from that time.

We then decided to have some of our own claims that our organization could use and we also joined up with the GPAA organization so that we could jointly use their claims. We have really grown up. We have had close to 300 members and average 90 to 100 at the general meetings.

I really think we have the best GPAA Chapter in Southern California. We provide educational events, outings and speakers each and every month. We have the best board members, always willing to help us provide all those things and much more. I want to thank all those who have recently stepped up to help make this a much

better group. Plus, we have those who just come to the board meetings to give their input on how to better this organization. Well, we are going to start off this year at a fast run. We've got the Friendly Fox outing this month, Feb 14-19, we have the Rendezvous in Stanton for board members or potential members, February outing is at the Franconia meteorite beds, April is Howser Beds and the Gold Show in Las Vegas. Much more to come but you need to be at the meetings to find out. Some changes, meetings getting bigger and much more educational events in store. See you at the meetings and events.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 10th -Metal Detecting, La Jolla Shores

Saturday and Sunday, January 16th & 17th - Outing - Friendly Fox

Feb 14th to Feb 19th Rendezvous at Stanton, AZ for Board Members

Feb 20th to Feb 21st Meteorite Outing (More Details to Come)

Here is the List of Winners for December Meeting

Finds of the Month:

Gold: Trish & Terry King

Metal: John Howe

Gems: Yoko Weideman-Riggs

Door Prize – Chuck Perry

Grand Prize- Large Gold Nugget: Charlene Myers

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS:

When signing in at TSS Meeting, please verify that all your information is up to date and correct. We have found we have a great many wrong telephone numbers and email addresses. And please provide GPAA and LDMA numbers if we don't have them from any new members. Thank you.

USGS

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

by Harold Kirkemo

There are still areas where you may prospect, and if a discovery of a valuable, locatable mineral is made, you may stake a claim. These areas are mainly in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Such areas are mainly unreserved, unappropriated Federal public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the U.S. Department of the Interior and in national forests administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Public land records in the proper BLM State Office will show you which lands are closed to mineral entry under the mining laws. These offices keep up-to-date land status plats that are available to the public for inspection. BLM is publishing a series of surface and mineral ownership maps that depict the general ownership pattern of public lands. These maps may be purchased at most BLM Offices. For a specific tract of land, it is advisable to check the official land records at the proper BLM State Office.

Anyone who pans for gold hopes to be rewarded by the glitter of colors in the fine material collected in the bottom of the pan. Although the exercise and outdoor activity experienced in prospecting are rewarding, there are few thrills comparable to finding gold. Even an assay report showing an appreciable content of gold in a sample obtained from a lode deposit is exciting. The would-be prospector hoping for financial gain, however, should carefully consider all the pertinent facts before deciding on a prospecting venture.

This is just a sampling of an article found at: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/prospect2/prospectgip.html>

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TSS MEMBERSHIP AND CLAIMS GUIDE

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual dues. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate with the group.

A membership application must be completed. Please see anyone at the back sign in table for an application. This should be done at your first meeting.

By the second meeting that you attend, you will be given a membership card, at which time you are able to purchase one of TSS's Claim Guides.

TSS LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for it's members usage. Donna Brock, the Librarian and Robert Otto, the Librarian Assistant, are there to assist you. The library ranges from VHS/DVD "How To" shows, magazines, books of history, gold locations, treasure hunting and some maps. The process for checking out the material is easy.

TSS EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. Kent Donalson is the Equipment Manager.

We have:

- 2 Sluice Boxes – 3 feet long
- 1 Sluice Box – 4 feet long
- 1 Mini Recirculating 9 inch Sluice with pump and motor and tub.
- 1 Mini Recirculating Sluice with pump and motor (no tub)
- 1 Highbanker with motor and pump
- 1 Gold Grabber (box type high banker with motor and pump)
- 1 Small Dry Washer (no leaf blower)
- 1 Large Dry Washer (Keene 151 with leaf blower)
- 1 Dry Vac (5 gallon size) with motor
- 1 Dredge 3 inch (with motor, pump, hooka air, misc. hoses, end nozzles and accessories)
- 1 Magnetic Sweeper on rollers

All that we ask (and it's not much) is that, anything that is checked out, is to be returned in the same or better condition than when it is borrowed. It's 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. To go a little more in depth—if a motor is on it's last leg and you are using it and it poops out, we understand that it's not your fault and don't expect you to replace it. On the other hand, if you have been using the motor for an extended period of time and forget to check and see if oil is needed, and the motor burns up, that would be a different story.

Feel free to give Kent a call if you would like to use "your equipment", his phone number is on the back page of the newsletter. All he asks, is that you give him a couple of days notice when you might need something, and when items are returned that they be in a CLEAN condition. This is to be respectful to the next person checking out the item. All equipment must be returned by the next meeting from when it was checked out. This will allow you any where from one week to three weeks usage.

Books by Blakey

Blakey Stanford, a TSS member, is the proud publisher of many interesting books. His books are compilations and re-prints of old magazine articles from the 30s, 40s, 50s and later. Many are first hand accounts of what it was like when there were real prospectors. There is nothing being printed today that compares to these articles. Often whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article. He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or three for \$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors also sells them for \$20 each. All have no shipping – no sales tax. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSS Chapter meetings. Available compilations and re-prints are:

Basement Chemistry for Prospectors

Lost Arch Gold Mine

Duke's Short Course in Prospecting and Mineral Identification

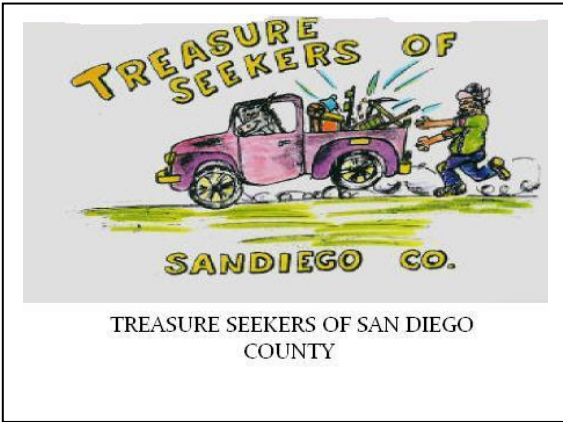
Peg Leg's Lost Gold

Randsburg Gold

Twenty-nine Palms Gold

Yuma Gold

(November please request books via email or snail mail.)



TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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
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ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT MEETINGS

TSS Claim Guides - \$20.00 per guide with proof of your TSS membership card.

TSS Dowsing Rods - Member Price: \$15.00 for ½ inch handles and \$17.00 for ¾ inch handles. We are limited to 20 pairs on hand - first come, first served.

TSS Bags of Gold Dirt - \$8.00 per bag - 4 bags for \$30.00! Save on the cost of gasoline and still get some practice time in! ***One in every 10 bags will have a ‘little’ something extra in it. You just never know what you are going to get!

Opportunity Drawings at this meeting:

50/50 Drawing, Gold Nugget Drawing, Table Drawing and the famous Door Prize drawing. New Grand Prize will be a mini-slucice with backpack and accessories. Drawing will take place at the March meeting.

SORRY WE MISSED THIS LAST NEWSLETTER

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO –
COLUMBIA METAL DETECTORS
G.P.A.A. &
TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

MINER'S COOKBOOK

Recipe by Judy Carpenter

Foil-Wrapped Apricot-Pineapple Chicken

**4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (or thighs)
1 teaspoon paprika, I like Hungarian style
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons apricot-pineapple preserves
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard or horseradish**

Heat oven to 400 degrees F.

Have ready 4 (12-inch square) pieces of aluminum foil.

Place 1 piece of chicken on each piece of foil. Sprinkle each piece of chicken with paprika, salt and pepper. Divide apricot preserves and mustard among the breasts and spread the preserves and mustard around to mix them up on top of the breasts. Fold foil to tightly enclose the chicken. Place in oven and bake for 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

Chicken Wings in Soda

**4 pounds chicken wings
1 (8 ounce) can Root beer, Dr. Pepper or Coca-Cola
3/4 cup brown sugar, lightly packed
1/4 cup catsup
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 tablespoon soy sauce**

Place the chicken in a shallow casserole. Sprinkle with the garlic and onion powder. Combine the soda with the sugar and soy sauce, catsup and pour over the chicken.

Slow bake the chicken in a 325 degree F oven for 3-4 hours until liquid has evaporated and becomes sticky.

