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DOWSING

ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA

Dowsing, sometimes called divining, doodlebugging (in the U.S.), or (when searching specifically for water) water finding or water witching, is a practice that attempts to locate hidden water wells, buried metals or ores, gemstones, or other objects as well as current of earth radiation without the use of scientific apparatus. A “Y” or “L” shaped twig or rod is sometimes used during dowsing. Although some dowsers use other equipment, such as crystal pendulums, or no equipment at all.

Dowsing has been in use since ancient times and is still widely practiced although the scientific evidence for its efficacy is disputed.

Dowsing has existed in various forms for thousands of years. The original may have been for divination purposes - to divine the will of the gods, to foretell the future and divine guilt in trials.

Dowsing as practiced today may have originated in Germany during the 15th century, when it was used to find metals. As early as 1518 Martin Luther listed dowsing for metals as an act that broke the first commandment.

The technique spread to England with German miners who went there to work in the coal mines. During the Middle Ages dowsing was associated with the Devil. In 1662 dowsing was declared to be “superstitious, or rather satanic” by Jesuit, Gaspar Schott, though he later noted that he wasn’t sure that the devil was always responsible for the movement of the rod.

In 1701 the Inquisition stopped the use of dowsing rods in trials.

In the late 1960’s during the Vietnam War, some United States Marines used dowsing to attempt to locate weapons and tunnels.

Pendulums, such as crystal or a metal weight suspended on a chain are sometimes used in divination and dowsing, particularly in remote or “map dowsing”.

In the practice of radiesthesia, a pendulum is used for medical diagnosis.

Some researchers have investigated possible physical or geophysical explanations for dowsing abilities. Soviet geologist have made claims for the abilities of dowsers, which are difficult to account for in terms of the reception of normal sensory cues. Some suggest that these abilities may be explained by postulating human sensitivity to small magnetic field gradient changes.

One study concludes that dowsers “respond” to a 60Hz electromagnetic field, but his response does not occur if the kidney area or head are shielded.

A review of archaeological studies in Iowa suggests that dowsing is ineffective at finding unmarked human burials.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Metal Detecting*
Sunday, June 7th
7:30 AM
South of Oceanside Pier

- *Outing*
Saturday
June 20th

GPAA Crystal Claims

- *Meeting*
Wednesday
July 1st
6:30 PM

Joslyn Senior Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I'm beginning to sound like a broken record. We had a great speaker at our last general meeting. Keith Meldahl spoke on the Hard Road West. I believe that's the name of his book too. Part of the lecture was about the settlers and their difficulties coming west during the land and gold rush and the geological formations of the mountain ranges that made traveling difficult. And the formation of the minerals within these mountains here in California. What a great power point presentation. All the great comments too.

A bunch of us went to the GPAA Office and did some volunteer work on Saturday the 9th. It was an all day project of sorting out back issues of Gold Prospectors magazines. For those who volunteered, thanks for helping out. GPAA gave us 100 points for the project and a free lunch. GPAA was glad we came to clean up that mess.

I heard tales that gold is still coming out of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. That's where our outing was last month. Yoko, Jerry, Jim, Frank and others are still pulling out the gold in some spots. We need to get our Gold Grabber up there and have a common dig.

Bob Torock put on a gold panning demonstration at St. Johns School in Chula Vista. We asked if we could help out and he said sure. He puts on a good demo and we helped the kids pan for gold. The kids brought every kind of pan you can find in a kitchen and we panned with them. Have you ever tried to pan for gold with an angel food cake pan? We gave the kids our coloring books with crayons and told some wild stories about gold prospectors and we all had fun.

It gets better as the days go by too. We have the guest speaker Inez Lindsey on dowsing. We have three schools to give instructional demonstrations at between this month and in June. We also have the Volunteer project at the Del Mar Fair. And we are going to the Crystal Claims up Cajon Pass way.

What else could you ask for in an organization like ours. And it just gets better.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, June 4th:

1:00 PM

Board Meeting

1401 El Norte Parkway

Madrid Manor Mobile Home
Park, San Marcos

Friday, June 5th:

Oak Hill Elementary School
Escondido

Gold panning demonstration

Sunday, June 7th:

Metal Detecting

7:30 AM

South of Oceanside Pier

Friday, June 12th:

Pioneer Elementary School

Escondido

Gold panning demonstration

Friday, June 19th:

Gem and Mineral Booth
Del Mar Fair Ground

Saturday, June 20th -

Outing

GPAA Crystal Claims

Cajon Pass area off of Hwy. 15

Tuesday, June 23rd:

Gem and Mineral Booth

Del Mar Fair Ground

Wednesday, July 1st:

Chapter Meeting

6:30 PM

Joslyn Senior Center, Escondido

Saturday, July 11th:

Picnic

Dixon Lake, Escondido

UP COMING OUTING

GPAA CRYSTAL CLAIMS

Saturday, June 20th, 2009, will be the outing to the GPAA Crystal Claims (page CA-60 in the GPAA claims guide).

Directions: From the I-15 and I-215 merge go north towards Victorville. Take the Silverwood Lake exit (Hwy. 138) and go about two to three miles towards Silverwood Lake. Turn left (north) on 3N-45 and go about 1/2 mile to the parking area on the Crystal #2 claim. To reach the East Crystal Claim, continue East on the road on the North side of the tracks to the claim. Currently the railroad has a gate across Summit Truck Trail. Proceed with caution of the trains.

Mining Comments & Member Reports:

Part of the Old Mormon Diggings. Crystal #s 1, 2 and 3 have easy access for campers and RV's with plenty of parking. Limited parking on the small Crystal claim. Drywashers get best results on these claims. Mostly fine gold, with some small nuggets reported.

The above information is taken directly from the GPAA claims guide.

Please make sure that you have your GPAA membership card, mining permit card and the GPAA claims guide with you on this outing.

Know the claim boundaries as other clubs have claims up there as well. Please respect the property of others.

MAY'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, May 6th:

Chapter Meeting

112 people in attendance.

12 new members

8 guests

Sunday, May 10th:

Metal Detecting - La Jolla Shores Beach

I heard that a handful of members were out. But did not receive anyone's name.

Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th:

East Fork - San Gabriel Mountain

5 members in attendance

Frank Huberts, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, Jerry Kaplan, Jim and Carolyn Mears.

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MAY'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Andy Collier, and again, Andy Collier, Nicco Salvador and Michael Michalski

Door Prize Winner: Michael Michalski

50/50 Winner: Betty Perry

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: Dan Stiens

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: Julie Schalow

Finds of the Month Winner - Minerals: Julie Schalow

Grand Prize Winner - Portable Recirculating Sluice - We find out tonight.

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 Charlene Myers 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, gem locations, treasure hunting and some maps. The process for checking out the material is easy.

TSS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

In January of this year, TSS has developed a Membership Directory to share with the members who are interested in sharing their contact information with other members willing to do the same.

If you would like to be included in the Membership Directory, please see Charlene at the Membership/Sign In table for the form (blue in color) to fill out.

The directory is up-dated once a month and shared via e-mail. Hard printed copies are for those members who do not have internet access.

GRAND PRIZE

Tickets can be purchased for the Grand Prize of a portable recirculating mini sluice with motor and pump. Drawing will take place at tonight's meeting. Have you gotten your tickets?

If you were born in the month of June -

Your flower is: Rose

Your stone is: Pearl, Moonstone, Alexandrite, Agate, Opal

Your meaning is: Good Health

Your colors are: Light Blue, White and Cream

Pearl: Of the traditional cream-colored pearls, those with pink over-tones are most valuable; irregularly shaped pearls are less valuable; natural pearls will feel rough when gently rubbed against teeth, while synthetic ones will feel smooth. Scratches easily; common household chemicals, cosmetics, hair sprays and perspiration can pit the surface.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

Beer Can Chicken - for the grown ups

The most basic version of this recipe requires a whole chicken and a can of beer. However if you really want to add a lot of extra flavor you should also include a good Spice Rub. You can go as basic as salt and pepper or you can mix up something fancy. It's entirely up to you.

- 1 whole 5 to 6 pound chicken
- 2 cans of beer (1 for drinking while chicken is cooking)
 - 1 cup spice rub

For the Spice Rub:

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika

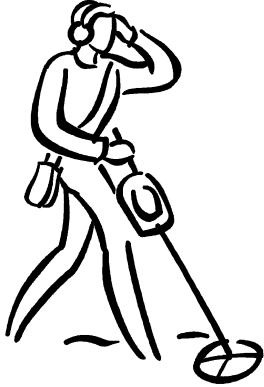
Preparation:

Combine rub ingredients and set aside. Wash chicken, remove giblets, neck, and excess fat. Blot dry. Apply some of the rub outside of chicken, under the skin and inside cavity. Open 2 cans of your favorite beer and drink half of one of them. Place remaining rub into the 1/2 emptied opened can. Make sure to pierce two more holes on the top of the beer can, for ventilation. Place chicken on top of can. Pre-heat grill. Place bird(s) on grill balanced by the beer can(s). Grill over indirect medium heat for 2 hours, or until internal temperature of the thigh is 180 degrees. Remove chicken when finished cooking and let sit (with beer can still intact), for 10 minutes before carving. Now finish drinking the second opened beer and enjoy the wonderful smell of the roasting chicken.

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY: FRANK TRUTTA

Will return next month!

**T.S.S.****Mining Claims Guide****Available for Purchase****\$20.00 per guide****Must show TSS Membership card to purchase.****Please see:****Lee Crnkovic**

MAY'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

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Thursday, May 21st:

St. Johns Elementary School, Chula Vista

Robert Torock, Paul Oakes, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, Chester Nowicki

Thursday, May 28th:

Hannalei Elementary School, Vista

Loren Raddatz, Robert Torock, Ray Wilkerson, Paul Oakes, Carlos Ytturalde, Harriett and Chester Nowicki.

HELPING OUT AT GPAA OFFICE

As you read in the President's message, GPAA is sometimes in need of volunteers to help with various items at different times. This is mostly done on a weekday (Wednesdays are the preferred day).

If you would like to be placed on a 'call list' to help when needed, please sign up at the back table.

Some of the work involves stuffing envelopes, putting mining equipment together, inventorying magazines, getting information and items ready for the gold shows.

They will feed you lunch and you get to see what the back room of the GPAA office is all about.

Please place your name, telephone number and e-mail address on the sign up sheet if you are interested.

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 broke, 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
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Peg Leg's Lost Gold	Randsburg Gold
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CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

For Sale -

Reams of brand new Staples Printing Paper. Can be used for laser, inkjet, fax or copier's. 96 bright and 24 lb. She has approximately 20 reams left.

\$2.00 per ream for TSS members.

Contact: Patricia Koontz she has the paper with her at tonight's meeting

Lost -

Two Rings around May 14th. South of Oceanside Pier. One ring is platinum with a pink diamond and the other is gold with sapphire and small diamonds. Possibly lost one block south of Oceanside Pier, just north of the little gazebo.

REWARD is being offered.

Contact: Blakely Sanford blakelysanford@yahoo.com

For Sale -

Wetsuits. 1 X-Large, 2 large and 1 small. And 2 full size bib style wetsuits.

All are in great shape, if not like new. \$75.00 each.

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

For Sale -

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector \$150.00

White's Beach Hunter ID Metal Detector \$400.00

Contact: Frank Trutta 760-743-8516 or scthfrank@yahoo.com

For Sale -

Minelab GP3000. Includes both an AC charger and a DC charger, an 11" coil that is switchable between a mono coil and a DD coil, a 6x9 Coil Teck Nugget coil that is also DD and earphones.

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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.

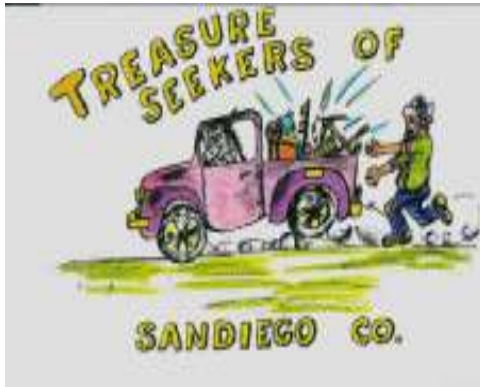
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

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