

FINDERS KEEPERS

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INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS

The results from the 32 surveys that were received out of 60 surveys handed out at the June meeting indicate that T.S.S. members are interested in:

31 favored Drywashing

28 favored Metal Detecting for gold.

24 favored Old Mining Camp Exploring.

21 favored Metal Detecting for coins.

20 favored Gem & Mineral Hunting

17 favored Dredging

14 favored Relic Hunting

9 favored Bottle Hunting.

Other remarks were:

Placer Mining—wet

Highbanking

Underwater Detecting

Treasure Hunting

Sluicing and

Plain Old Panning

Don't miss your chance to give your two cents worth at tonight's meeting..

NEWS OF THE WEIRD:

'Carried away' California gold hunter digs 60-foot-deep hole in front yard

MONTCLAIR (AP) -- A homeowner digging for gold in his front yard said he got "carried away" and ended up with a 60-foot-deep hole, authorities said.

Norm Enrique, 63, began digging 10 days ago after his gold detector reported a positive hit near his front patio.

He told authorities he only intended to go down 3 or 4 feet.

Fire officials called to the scene Tuesday found two men that Enrique hired were inside the unreinforced hole, using a bucket and rope to remove dirt.

"We told him, 'You're done,'" said Montclair Fire Capt. Rich Baldwin. "It's amazing no one got killed."

Authorities fenced off Enrique's property.

Officials from the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration likely will visit the property Wednesday to determine how to shore up and fill the hole, authorities said.

Enrique will be required to hire and pay for a licensed engineer, Baldwin said.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~

- *Saturday, July 8th - Gold Panning Demonstration for Toddlers—Escondido Children's Museum—Grape Day Park—Escondido 1 to 3 PM*
- *July 15th—16th Outing at Lytle Creek Aka: Middle Fork #1-3 GPAA Claim CA-76*
- *August 19th-20th Outing at Gorman Claim GPAA Claim*
- *Saturday, September 9th Grape Day Festival 9:30—5 PM Escondido*

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

I've been writing articles for our newsletter since we first started this association. I wrote some articles for the Temecula group too. I also wrote articles for our Vista club and now that I am President, I'm lost for words.

To me, it seems like it will be a hard job only because I want you to have lots of fun and hope that you will continue to want to come to the meetings, outings and events. The only way I will know that you enjoy the association is when you let me know and please tell me if there is something you want us to do. I want to continue the things we do, and even more, I want all of you to want to come back because you are having fun.

I have asked some of you if you will volunteer to help so that we don't get boring and I hope it works out. This will also take some pressure off of me. Sharon Crnkovic told me at one of our board meetings that I have to let go of some of my projects. Like I'm holding on to them too tight. Well, I got the list and I'm looking for help. Lee Crnkovic told me that I change the board meeting too many times. Well, I'm working on that too.

One thing I want to do is to have more outings from the claims listed in the GPAA Claims Guide. All our outings have been on our private claims. Well, that's OK because we got the gold, but lets give the GPAA claims a try. After all, we are a GPAA Chapter. We got the desert claims and they have the stream and mountain claims. Let's give them a try and hone our prospecting skills. We are still looking for some more private claims for our association and hope to get some closer. That's hard enough. We have claims directors working on that too.

Be good. Keep those thoughts golden and let me know what you can do and tell me how you want things to run.

~Sourdough Chet~

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, July 8th, T.S.S. will host "Gold Panning for Toddlers".

This is where the little ones, ages 1 to 6 years, get to try their hand at panning for gold and gems.

The time is 1 PM to 3 PM at the Escondido Children's Museum located in Grape Day Park in Escondido.

Saturday, September 9th, T.S.S. will be having a booth at Escondido's Grape Day Festival, located in Grape Day Park. The booth will be open from 9:30 AM until 5 PM. Help will be appreciated for setting up and taking down the booth.

This event allows T.S.S. to sell dowsing rods and bags of

gold, while introducing the club and its purpose to the public.

October 28th and 29th is the Oktoberfest in Temecula. The T.S.S. booth will be located near the corn maze. Overnight camping is allowed next to the booth.

LYTLE CREEK (MIDDLE FORK #1-3) OUTING

July 15th and 16th will find T.S.S. at Lytle Creek, aka, Middle Fork #1-3, in the GPAA mining guide, page CA-76.

Chester and Lee did a scouting of the area and came back with the following information.

Since the claim is a Day Use Only area, the closest place to camp overnight is called Bonita Ranch Campground. This location is just minutes from the claim. They accom-

modate tent camping and RV camping all in the same area. Partial hookup costs is \$21.00 and \$25.00 for full hookups. Shade trees and beautiful grassy areas help keep the area cool during the daytime.

The claim itself is reported to be great for fine to medium flakes and occasionally small pickers.

This claim allows year round panning, sluicing and dredging. Be sure to bring your drywasher to work the banks.

T.S.S. will be having a potluck on Saturday night, so please bring a dish to share, enough for 8 to 10 people.

Lytle Creek is in San Bernardino County located off of Highway 15 and Sierra Ave.

Remember to stop by the Ranger Station to pick up a Administration Pass or to display your Adventure Pass while on the claim.

A handout with directions and site camping information is available on the back table.

INTERESTING FACTS:

BY JUDY CARPENTER

Which is heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of gold?

You might consider this to be a trick question, but technically speaking a pound of feathers is heavier than a pound of gold. Why you ask. There is a simple explanation, feathers are weighed by Avoirdupois weight, while gold and other precious metals are weighed by Troy weight. According to the Avoirdupois

system there are 16 ounces or 7,000 grains per pound, while a Troy pound contains 12 ounces or 5,760 grains. However if both are weighed by the same system, the simple answer is, "A pound is a pound"

What is White Gold?

White gold is primarily used for jewelry making. White gold contains the same percentage of fine or pure gold

and base metals as any other 10,14 or 22 carat gold, the difference is the added alloys which give the metal a white appearance rather than the traditional yellow gold color. White gold consists of about 5 parts of silver to 1 part gold. Modern white gold is white in color and will remain so indefinitely. Not the same as Platinum, which is much more valuable.

REMEMBER ...

IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.

IF YOU DIG IT UP, FILL IT UP...

1000 TRAIL EVENT

BY DONNA BROCK

A good time was had by all at the 1000 Trail event in Jamul. We discovered a wonderful campground and met some amazing people. One gentleman, Dr. Oliver W. Luck or

"Doc" as he was called was a great character to be around and he enjoyed a great love for people and music. He had more energy than most people half his age, which is I

believe was 75. We hopefully recruited 1 or 2 more new members, that showed a great deal of interest in the club and also purchased some equipment.

A 'GREENHORN'S PERSPECTIVE

BY ALLEN GREEN

Al's Laws of Gold Prospecting

Law I: "Inaccessible areas in the desert fill with gold automatically with the passage of time. The greater the lapse of time and the more inaccessible the area, the larger the amount of gold." *

Law II: "The richness of an inaccessible area will increase by at least thirty percent with each re-telling of the facts to other prospectors — regardless of inflation or the current world price of gold" *

Law III: "The best gold ore is always to be found in flooded, abandoned old mines. The last miners to work in the mine are always willing to swear on a stack of Bibles that they stumbled onto a great lode of gold on the very same day the mine superintendent ordered the mine to be closed"

Law IV: "If you wait long enough, an inaccessible area of the desert will generate a rockslide over its entrance and the gold will supplement itself with Platinum nuggets, the bones of numerous unlucky Prospectors, and a record breaking 10lb+ Nugget." *

* **Note:** *Times all these amounts by a power of ten when concerning Greenhorns!

QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

What is T.S.S. Quarterly Attendance Award?

This was announced in the March meeting by Ray Wilkerson. T.S.S. is now keeping track of and giving points to the members that attend meetings, outings and events.

The point system is:

- 1 point for attending a meeting
- 2 points for each day at an outing
- 3 points for each day at an event

So the more active you are with the group, the more points you accumulate.

This last quarter (April, May and June) a total of 24 points were available, if the member attended all meetings, outings and events.

There were a total of 91 members at the end of June. 16 had zero points and the remaining 75 members had points ranging from 1 to 17.

A total of 361 tickets were earned with the top ticket earner receiving 17 tickets. A big thank you to Harriett Nowicki for writing out the raffle tickets.

One lucky member will receive a very nice Alaska gold nugget for their time and effort into the club. It will be exciting to see who the lucky member will be!

The more you participate the more points you receive and the more chances you have to win.

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO IS GROWING

We are proud to announce that T.S.S. has an official website!

We will be located at: www.treasureseekersofsandiego.com

At the moment the page is blank, but thanks to several members, we will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. The purchase of the domain name has been completed and it belongs to the group for the next two years, until renewed.

We are hoping for a website that will direct visitors to various links about our club, our mission, outings, events, meetings and our finds. Very similar to the one that Keene, Valley Prospectors and others have.

This website will let us post hundreds of pictures from our outings, events and meetings. This will be a great chance to tell your family and friends to go to this site and check out the pictures of yourselves doing the stuff you love.

This is exciting news, as it means that we are getting stronger with every meeting and outing.

T.S.S. TELEPHONE TREE

Not all members are computer active (have no e-mail access), so to keep those members up-to-date on the goings on of the club, a telephone tree has been activated.

Frank Huberts and Richard Callahan have stepped up to the plate and offered their services in contacting those members via telephone.

We appreciate their efforts and hope that our members extend courtesy to these gentlemen when called.

"TREASURE" ~ a accumulated wealth ~ person(s), money, gems, any thing deemed valuable

TREASURE SEEKERS ATTENDANCE REPORT

June 7th meeting:

60 members were in attendance.

Door Prize was won by Lee

Crnkovic. 50/50 Raffle won by

Loren Raddatz. A Drywashing demonstration was held prior to the meeting.

June 10th Event: The event was held at 1000 Trails in Jamul.

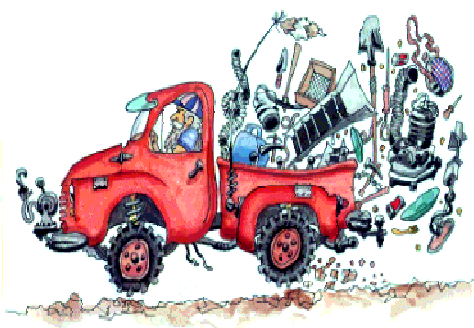
Jim & Michelle Hall, Jon Norell, Donna Brock and Ray Wilkerson manned the T.S.S. booth for the day.

June 10th and 11th Outing at Holcomb Valley.

The following members were in attendance and reportedly found some gold off this claim: Brad Redding, Norm & Tammy Vincent, Steve Berdan,

Harriett & Chester Nowicki, Frank Huberts, Richard Callahan and Gary Duke. Some of these members camped at the location, others made it a one day trip.

It is always great to share a fire, tells, gold and treasures.



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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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CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

Wanted -

Judy Carpenter is looking for back issues of the GPAA Claims Guides, particularly for 1999 and 2000, but will buy any years prior to 1998 if you have them to sell.

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