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WHAT'S UP?

Well, last year we took a survey of our members and it was decided that we would keep the July meeting, but have no scheduled outings for that month. Too many members were on vacation, spending time with family and it is just plain too hot to go to the desert or just too crowded to go to the rivers nearby. So we all said, let's take July off!

At tonight's meeting, you will notice some changes in people doing the various positions that keeps TSS going.

We would like to thank Colette Preston for stepping in an filling in for Sharon Crnkovic as secretary.

We would like to thank Robert Cook for stepping in an filling in for Lee Crnkovic as selling the claims guides and gold panning bags.

We would like to thank Bill Myers for stepping in an filling in for Charlene Myers for the membership, sign in sheets, the newsletter and all around informational table.

And thank you to whoever is filling in for Loren Raddatz at the finds of the month table. Loren is off to Alaska enjoying the month long GPAA outing up there.

Blake Sanford will not be at the meeting tonight. He was double and tripled booked on some engagements. His books are still available through Frank Trutta's print shop or the internet. He will return in August.

So where are these missing members? Lee and Sharon Crnkovic are on a month long vacation to the northern area of California for some dredging and relaxing time. Charlene Myers is out of state helping a friend in need, for an unknown amount of time..

At the last board meeting, Chester asked the following members to stand up and help out in various ways. Our newest Directors at Large are: Jim Mears, Robert Cook, Charlie Freeman, Yoko Weideman-Riggs and Jerry Kaplan.

Thank you for accepting these positions and we look forward to a fun filled, rewarding team.

Membership cards are not available this month. They will be handed out at the August meeting.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Picnic*

Saturday

July 11th

8:00 AM

Dixon Lake

Escondido

- *Meeting*

Wednesday

August 5th

6:30 PM

Joslyn Senior Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our biggest items we had for June was the schools we had for the California Gold Rush presentation. While talking to the teachers, they told me that social studies, California becoming a state and the gold rush gets very little study time now, mostly because of the extra time it takes for the reading and math subjects. So, we are changing our approach to the gold panning event and giving the students a lesson in the pioneers who came here, some geology, the gold rush and California becoming a state. We have become teachers, not just event volunteers. Thank all those who helped make this a great event for the kids.

The GPAA office called for help again. It seems like it is turning out to be a Saturday only request. The good part is that they give us 100 points each time and a free lunch too. We've done this twice, so we have 200 points accumulated just for volunteering to help. Put those points with the ones we get for GPAA membership renewal, and we will have some nice items out of the catalogue for Christmas presents.

Also, we had a good turnout for volunteers for the Del Mar Fair. They gave us two days to volunteer and we had enough couples that we could have filled up 3 or 4 days. It's fun letting the kids dig through the sand and find some nice looking gemstones. I had one kid being held by his mom; he had a binky in his mouth and he kept drooling in the sand. I told the mom, Oh no! No drooling in the sand. Needless to say, we had more than sand and stone in the big tub.

Some went to our monthly Crystal Claim outing in June. Haven't heard any reports. The weather was great. Hope everyone had a good time. I wanted to go, but didn't want to make the trip by myself. At the same time, a whole lot of members are going up to Richard Gravel's diggings'. I hear that the river is still running high too.

Hey! We have the TSS picnic on the 11th of July. You all can't miss that. Metal detecting, gold panning, good food and a whole lot of fun. Each year, the picnic gets better and better.

Our monthly meetings are doing the same thing, just getting better. We've gone from 30 to 60, to 80 and now over a hundred in attendance. We must be doing something right. I had to ask for more chairs to be set up. We have been finding a better class of speakers for our members so we'll see you at the meetings and the picnic.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, July 2nd:

1:00 PM

Board Meeting

1401 El Norte Parkway

Madrid Manor Mobile Home Park, San Marcos

Saturday, July 11th:

8:00 AM till ???

Picnic

Dixon Lake, Escondido

Think you might make the Picnic?

Please remember to sign up at the back table tonight so that we have enough food and drink for everyone.

This includes if there is even a slight possibility that you might be able to attend.

UP COMING OUTING

PICNIC - DIXON LAKE

Saturday, July 11th will be the 3rd annual July picnic for Treasure Seekers.

Dixon Lake is located at 1700 North La Honda Drive in Escondido.

8:00 to 9:00 AM is Social Hour and Set Up

9:00 to 10:00 AM is the metal detecting hunt - hosted by Jerry Kaplan this year.

10:00 to 11:00 AM is the gold panning contests - Men, Women and Children

11:30 AM - the food portion begins.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego provides the hot dogs, the hamburgers, the fixings and bottled water. Plus the plates, silverware, napkins, etc.

All you need to do is bring yourself, your family, your friends, some chairs and some food to share.

JUNE'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, June 3rd:

Chapter Meeting

124 people in attendance.

****** Thank you to all for gathering the names of all members in attendance at our various outings.*

****** All other events will be reported in the August Newsletter.*

****** Thank you to all for the photo's from each outing.*

They will all be used in the August newsletter.

JUNE'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Chuck Perry, Frank Huberts, David Rice and Roy Stone.

Door Prize Winner: Karen Bratley

50/50 Winner: John Howe

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: Jerry Duke

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: Dwight Reed

Finds of the Month Winner - Minerals: Julie Schalow

Grand Prize Winner - Portable Recirculating Sluice - Mike Mahr

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 Blue Bowl.

Drawing will take place at September's meeting. Have you gotten your tickets?

If you were born in the month of July -

Your flower is: Delphinium, Larkspur, Water Lily

Your stone is: Ruby, Camelian

Your meaning is: Happiness, Contented Mind

Your colors are: Green, Russet and Red

Ruby: Bright, clear red with a hint of blue is most valuable color; if color gets too pale, stone is no longer consider a ruby, but a less valuable pink sapphire. The Ruby is extremely durable; wears well in all types of jewelry.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

Four Bean Salads

1 can each - 8oz. To 14.5 oz. - drained:

Green Beans

Kidney Beans

Garbazo Beans

Yellow Wax Beans

1 Green pepper - chopped

1 Medium onion - thinly sliced

1 1/2 cups vinegar

1/2 cup light oil

2 tsp celery seed

3/4 cup sugar

2 tsp Kosher salt

2 tsp mustard seed

White pepper to taste

Mix beans, green pepper, onion in a large glass or plastic bowl.

In a sauce pan combine the remaining ingredients, bring to a boil then pour over the beans.

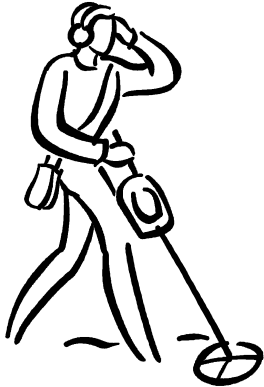
Cover and refrigerate over night.

Make a day ahead of time.

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

GPAA MEMBERSHIPS AND RENEWALS

The other day I was at the GPAA office to straighten out some GPAA memberships.

At that time I found out that they have just recently underwent a change of computer programs for the memberships and that not everyone has received a renewal notice.

Please take a moment and look at your GPAA membership card and permit. If they are expired or about to expire please call Nancy at the front desk and she will make sure that you get your renewal notice.

And don't forget to say that you are a Treasure Seeker of San Diego member so that we get the credit for your renewal.

POSSIBLE CLAIM ON BANNER GRADE

TSS is looking into claiming approximately 160 acres off of Banner Grade. The few excursions to this location has yielded gold in every pan. Small gold - but gold still the same.

Lee Crnkovic has mapped out the claim and is in the process of working with BLM and the County Recorder to get the process rolling.

Sometime in the next month or two, a work party will be needed to go out to the location and set the corner posts and the center marker.

If you are interested in being a part of this, please let Chester know and when the time comes we will make sure that you are included.

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
Duke's Short Course in Prospecting and Mineral Identification	
Peg Leg's Lost Gold	Randsburg Gold
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CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

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

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.

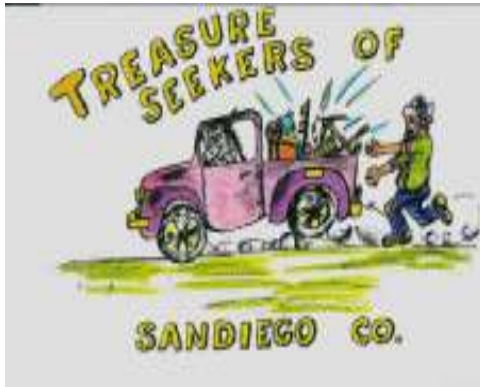
Gold Bags
\$6.00 per bag
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1 in every 10 bags has a little 'extra' something in it.

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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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