

FINDERS KEEPERS

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An Association of Small Miners

SEPTEMBER'S MEETING & OUTINGS ARE CANCELLED

President's Message:

Hello All TSS'ers,

Another month under Covid restrictions and summer wrapped up. The latest relayed to Jerry G from Park Avenue Senior Center is "No change in the foreseeable future", still no events or meetings under the current County Health Mandates. In my 4 times a week exercise rides around San Diego I have noticed very high rates of socializing of people without either masks or distancing and yet the rate of positivity has dropped back to the levels we had in May. I see this as a good sign, you would expect the surge numbers to remain high with more folks out and about, and in fact they are retreating. Maybe, maybe ... there is some light at the end of the tunnel. I will reassess our operations when the temperature drops on the claims around the third week of October and perhaps, we can start having some "unofficial events". Until the County Mandates are modified or lifted, I can't openly advertise an official event. Notifications would be by word of mouth, i.e. metal detecting at O.B. at the usual time. It might be a good weekend to go to Freedom claim, you get the picture.

I have had a lot of interest in the association from new people and they don't understand why we are idled. I apologize to them, but our bylaws aren't set up for joining without meetings and the lack of events is obvious.

In other news, John Howe, our 1st Vice President, has left the house and the state as he has been threatening for a year or so. I helped John pick up the final trailer and load it. We then went out for a "Last Supper" and craft beer evening. I wish John and Diane the very best in their new house in Charlotte, South Carolina.

I made a motion to the Board of Directors to elevate Bill Myers, our 2nd VP, up to fill the remainder of John's term through next April. The motion passed and is effective immediately. Congratulations to Bill and I look forward to his continued advice and counsel.

At least 4 members have taken trips to Roaring Camp and several to AKAU in Nome. I hear Augie did some new and very productive pushes for the folks and look forward to complete reports. As far as Roaring Camp goes, they most recently are not having the daily common operations, but are holding the steak dinners.

That's about all I have for this month. Continue to stay safe and get out and enjoy prospecting and metal detecting when and where you can. Google the 2 large nugget finds in Australia last month and keep from drooling.

Your President Pro-Tem
Jerry K

Thank you John Howe!

Well John has been threatening to move for quite some time and he did it! And an extremely fast move at that! John said that it was due to his wife, Diane, holding the whip, but we think John was looking forward to a new adventure in their lives as well.

John joined TSSD in January of 2007. He jokingly grumbled when asked to help with something, but he did it with 100% effort and positive outcome.

We cannot Thank You enough for taking on the monthly Metal Detecting outings, stepping up to the plate to help us update our Bylaws, becoming the Communication Director, “volunteering” to become our 1st Vice President and trying to tackle our website and the list goes on.

We at TSSD wish you both the best in this new journey. Stay in touch. You will be missed!

Officers Pro Tem and Nominations:

Since Covid-19 has restricted us from meeting, the Board of Directors held an email meeting, April 11th, 2020, to approve the below Officers to carry on as pro tem until they can be voted into office by the majority of our members as per our By-Laws.

Nominations received are Jerry Kaplan for President, Bill Myers for 2nd Vice President and Jerry Goldstein for Treasurer. All of which are unopposed.

2nd Vice President per the Bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII

Officers

B) 2nd Vice President

Shall act in place of the 1st Vice President, if and when the 1st Vice President is temporarily unable to carry out the required duties of his/her position. The 2nd Vice President shall have the right of succession to the 1st Vice President if and when the 1st Vice President is permanently unable to perform his/her duties. The 2nd Vice President shall take over the duties of the 1st Vice President until such a time that a vote for a new 1st Vice President can take place. The 2nd Vice President shall also serve on committees and perform various duties as assigned by the President/Chairperson or the Board of Directors.

Membership Status:

ALL members that held a Blue TSSD Membership card during the month of March 2020 – your status as a member is still good.

We are extending the blue membership cards *month by month* until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

All current Blue TSSD Membership cards are good until September 30th, 2020.

Searching the Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

My wife and I have not been hunting the beaches in this heat and humidity, plus there was not any low tides first thing in the morning for me to hunt. The heat should be calming down so we I will have a Club Hunt on Sunday September 20th at sunup or when you want to come and meeting at 10:00 to check out our finds at Mission Beach just south of the roller coaster. With all of the people coming to the beaches dry sand hunting should be good plus there is a low tide at 5:23 am leaving plenty of wet sand to hunt.

My customers have been finding good stuff on the dry sand and lost and found sites have been reporting jewelry lost.

Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, 760 743-8516 or on my cell 760 291-7900. Don't forget the 15% military discount on Minelab machines.

Hunt smart.

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

I know some of you all knew that I'd been looking to move for about the last year. Well things finally fell into place and we are moving out of California. We bought a house in Charleston SC, actually John's Island, about block away from our son and grandkids. I hope we're not too close! That's the main reason along with the fact that most of my remaining family is on the east coast. We'll be about 20 minutes from the beaches and not too far from gold and gem hunting in GA and NC. So I should keep my GPAA membership. Then there are the politics, taxes and general high cost of living in CA that make me want to leave. But I'll sorely miss the weather and all the "prospectors" I've met in my years as a treasure seeker. I'll also miss my membership in 3 local clubs. Especially TSSD. I'll miss the meetings, monthly beach metal detecting outings and picnics. I'm sure you're aware of the great job your Board does in running the organization. You'll have meetings and outings again once the geniuses decide that we're not all going to die and will let us resume "normal" lives. I'll do my best to come back for a visit.

I want to wish you all good health, good luck and HAPPY HUNTING.

John Howe

ex VP, ex Communication Coordinator, ex Metal Detecting Outing Scheduler and active treasure seeker.

Detector Tips:

Slightly overlap your sweep. When you're moving the metal detector in a sweeping motion, be careful to overlap your sweeps so you don't miss any potential targets.

Slow down! If you are moving too fast, you might miss something important!

Keep the coils parallel to the ground. Sometimes you might have the tendency to accidentally lift your coil at the end of a sweep, but be careful to avoid this, as you are losing potential targets.

Don't discard faint signals. A common rookie mistake is to only dig on strong signals, but don't skip those faint sounds because they could be great finds hidden at greater depths.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Lepper

ITALIAN SAUSAGE HOAGIES

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 4 hoagie buns
- 3 (about 10 ounces) Johnsonville Hot (or mild) Italian sausages
- 1/2 of 1 yellow or white onions, diced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/2 of 1 large red pepper, very thinly sliced
- 1/2 of 1 large green pepper, very thinly sliced (or use just 1 bell pepper)
- 1 cup chunky marinara sauce
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- Freshly cracked black pepper, to taste
- heaping 1/2 cup freshly grated mozzarella cheese

Instructions:

1. Preheat the broiler to high. In a skillet, add in the olive oil and butter. Melt and then stir in the garlic and Italian seasoning. Remove from heat and brush this mixture generously over the hoagie buns - inside and out. Place the hoagie buns on a sheet pan and broil for 1-2 minutes on high until very lightly golden brown (you'll add them back later).
2. Begin the sausages cooking. Remove the casing and follow package directions to grill the sausages. If you don't have the sausage grill, remove casings, slice the sausages into 1-inch thick pieces and add to a skillet (same one you used earlier for the butter) over medium heat. Cook for about 2 minutes stirring occasionally and then add in the onion and garlic. Cook for another minute.
3. Add in the bell peppers, marinara sauce, Italian seasoning, and pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil and then simmer for 5-6 minutes or until the peppers are crisp tender.
4. Separate the mixture evenly among the hoagie buns and sprinkle generously with cheese.
5. Return the hoagies to the oven and broil for another 1-2 minutes or until cheese is melted.
6. Top with fresh basil or parsley if desired and enjoy immediately.

September's Outing:

Cancelled due to Covid-19.

August's Meeting Summary:

No meeting was held due to Covid-19.

Outings and Events:

- September 2nd – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
CANCELLED due to Covid-19
- September 6th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Jerry Kaplan
CANCELLED due to Covid-19
- September 20th - Sunday: TSSD Outing – Seeded Metal Detecting Hunt
CANCELLED due to Covid-19
- September 20th – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Mission Beach South of the Roller Coaster
Sun Up!
- October 7th – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
210 Park Avenue, Escondido
6:30pm
LET'S HOPE SO!

September 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 TSSD General Meeting CANCELLED due to Covid-19	3 TSSD Board Meeting CANCELLED due to Covid-19	4	5
6 Metal Detecting Hunt with Jerry Kaplan CANCELLED due to Covid-19	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Metal Detecting Hunt with Frank Trutta Mission Beach @ Sun Up	21	22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

FUTURE Quarterly Drawing:

2 Great Items!

One Felix Motherload Pay Dirt Bag and a Garrett Pinpointer!



2 pounds of reliable gold bearing paydirt!

**Amount of gold recovered is not guaranteed and photos do not depict an exact recovery amount. This is REAL PAYDIRT, every bag is its own adventure. (per their website)*

Know the Difference:

TSSD is not a 'club' nor are we 'recreational miners'.

We are a 'Association' which ties us to the 1872 mining laws and we are "small miners".

Use these terms when approached by any law enforcement official while out mining.

And **ALWAYS** have your claims guide and current membership card with you.

Websites to stay informed with:

BLM NewsBytes – a weekly publication - <http://www.blm.gov/ca/caso/getnewsbytes.html>

Western Mining Alliance – www.westernminingalliance.org

Public Lands for the People (PLP) - <http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/>

American Mining Rights Association (AMRA) – <http://americanminingrights.com/>

Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) - <http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/>

Camp Fire Permits - http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_camping_campfirepermits

G.P.A.A. - <http://www.goldprospectors.org/>

My Land Matters - <http://www.mylandmatters.org/Maps/ClaimsCa/GetMap>

Mining Laws:

USFS/FSM (Forest Service Manual) 2800 – Minerals and Geology, Chapter 2810 – Mining Laws:

http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2810_MINING-CLAIMS.pdf

This is a PDF file well worth the read.

Supporting the Chapter:

“The Desert Magazine” on Disk, 2 Disk Set – 1937 to 1983 - \$5.00 for the set.

Various DVD’s/CD’s - \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Dowsing Rods - \$35.00 per set. Limit one per family.

Drywasher/Gold Panning Test Kit (B.B.’s) - \$1.00 per bag.

TSSD Coffee Cups - \$10.00 each.

TSSD Bottle Cozies - \$5.00 each.

Glass vial pack – assorted sizes - \$1.00 each.

Glass Vials – 3ml and 1 3/4inch - .25 cents each.

Pinpointer Threshold Control - \$1.00 each.

Metal Detector Cable Supports - \$1.00 each.

Drywasher Replacement Cloth – fits DW2 and 140 - \$5.00 each.

14-inch Gold Pan - \$10.00 each.

Heavy Duty Scoops - \$5.00 each.

Sniffer (Snuffer) Bottles - \$3.00 each.

Vial Carrying Case Holder/Protector with 4 glass vials - \$5.00 each

Black Sand Magnet - \$9.00 each.

Membership Card Holders with clip– \$2.00 each at Membership table.

Hard Plastic Engraved Name Tags - \$10.00 each with pin - \$12.00 each with magnetic.

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 bags available for purchase.

Claims Guides - \$30.00 with your TSSD membership card.

Opportunity Drawings:

Door Prize – taken off the meeting sign in sheet

50/50 Split Drawing, Gold Nugget Drawing, Raffle Table Drawing

See Jerry Goldstein for your winning tickets!

TSSD does not charge dues. Outings are free, prospecting our claims is free, the library is free, and the education and companionship are priceless and free. Yet TSSD still has to pay rent, pay the mining claim fees, pay the storage bill for the meeting and event items, gold and raffle item costs, printing fees and numerous other monthly costs.

Please support “your” Association!

Participate!

Buy some tickets!

Win!

A special ‘ticket’ is given to you for every \$20.00 spent at a meeting. This ticket is for a “Super Prizes” that will be drawn at the February 2021 meeting.

What Do You Mean My Membership and Card Has Expired:

If you do not have the new ‘Light Blue’ colored membership card then your membership with TSSD has expired and you are no longer considered a member of TSSD in good standing.

This means that you are no longer able to use the TSSD claims – period.

If you are on a TSSD claim without a current “light blue’ membership card then you are considered “claim jumping” and legal recourse could be taken. Holding a TSSD claims guide does not give you the right to work our claims. You must have a current membership card as well.

Attendance Year:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has an unusual attendance year. We were founded in May and our elections are held in April. Thus, our yearly attendance requirement runs from May to April. You are required to attend a meeting every three (3) months in order to maintain your membership status.

TSSD Membership:

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual due. All that is asked is that you attend meetings, participate and support the group through its opportunity drawings and events. To maintain membership, you **MUST** attend one meeting every three (3) months.

1 st meeting:	Complete and turn in a membership application.
2 nd meeting:	You will be given your TSSD membership card.
3 rd meeting:	You will be able to purchase a TSSD Claims Guide with proof of your membership card.

Conduct and Code of Ethics:

Members shall conduct themselves in the highest ethical standards and reflect no discredit upon this association. This standard shall be one of the qualifications for membership in this association. Any violation of these standards shall be deemed grounds for expulsion or acceptance.

Termination/Suspension of Membership:

The Board of Directors, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member of the Corporation for cause after an appropriate hearing before the Board. The term “for cause” shall include (a) the member's conviction of a felony, acts of reckless endangerment, failure to perform commitments made to the Corporation, conduct on the part of the member that would render him/her ineligible for indemnification if required by the Board and member conduct which constitutes a conflict of interest with TSSD.

Membership Cards are to be worn:

Your “light blue” colored Membership cards are to be worn at the meetings and while at the claims. This way we know that you are already a member. Not to be stored in your claims guide or in a drawer or your vehicle.

TSSD Claims Guides:

TSSD Claims Guides are available for purchase for \$30.00 (Thirty Dollars).

Inside each guide, you will find:

1. List of Officers
2. Current year calendar of events
3. Claim Rules and Regulations
4. Chapter Support and Claims Etiquette
5. Claim do's and don'ts
6. What to expect at an TSSD outing
7. Using Dowsing Rods
8. Detailed maps and information pertaining to the 15 claims of TSSD.

See Steve Balbo at the sign in table at break to purchase a claims guide.

Name Tags:

TSSD has a new vendor for the screen printed, hard plastic, name tags.

They are \$10.00 each with a pin back or \$12.00 each for a magnetic mount.

Please see Mary Troseth at the sign in table to order yours or to pick up your order.



Finds of the Month:

3 categories to enter: Gold, Gems and Minerals, Metal Detecting Finds

Bring in your best finds *from last month*. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in all 3 categories.

G.P.A.A.:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego is a chapter of G.P.A.A. This does not require you to become a member of G.P.A.A. but if you are, please advise them that you are also a member of TSSD, so that we are eligible for 'points' from your membership. TSSD uses those 'points' to obtain opportunity raffle items.

GPAA update . . .

by Frank M. Trutta

GPAA is no longer selling their Membership Kits to clubs/associations. I will be carrying the kits at my shop Columbia Metal Detectors. You can pick up new kits to become a member of GPAA or you can come in and renew your current membership. The points are still available for the clubs/associations, just designate which one you want the points to go to and they will give the club/association credit. This way the club/associations can receive merchandise from GPAA for the club members.

UPDATE July 2018: Checking with GPAA I found out you can join or re-new your membership on-line but will have to pay for any items shipped to you. You can join or re-new your membership at any of their authorized dealers and not pay for any shipping.

Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, 760 743-8516.

TSSD Library:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for its members' usage. Librarian, Roz Laffoon, will gladly assist you in checking out books, VHS/DVD's that show you gold locations and history, treasure hunting, maps and knowledge of what to look for. Anything that is related to gold, gems and treasure hunting is available.

CLASSIFIEDS:

If you have an ad that you would like to run in our newsletter please send the information to:

charlenemyers@cox.net

by the 20th of each month.

Ads only run for one month – so you will need to resubmit each month.

Caretaker of Claims:

TSSD does **NOT** have any 'Caretakers' on any of our claims. If someone is representing themselves as a caretaker of one of our claims – they are not. Please report this information to the Board if someone does.

See Someone Claim Jumping:

If you see someone that you think or know for a fact is claim jumping one of our claims – you need to do the following:

Photograph the person, vehicles, equipment and whatever else you can and send the information to the Board including the date, time and location of the possible offense.

If the offender becomes agitated while you are doing this, it is recommended to contact the local law enforcement and tell the officer of the Penal Codes for reference:

California Penal Codes for Claim Jumpers:

California Penal Code – “THEFT”; “GRAND THEFT”

Title 13 – “OF CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY”

Chapter 5 – “LARCENY” (Section 484-502.9)

Section 486:

Theft is divided into two degrees, the first of which is termed grand theft; the second, petty theft.

Section 487:

Grand theft is theft committed in any of the following cases:

- (a) When the money, labor or real or personal property taken is of a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950), except as provided in subdivision (b).
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), grand theft is committed in any of the following cases:
 - 3(c) When the property is taken from the person of another.

Section 487d – Grand Theft; gold dust, amalgam, or quicksilver:

Every person who feloniously steals, takes, and carries away, or attempts to take, steal, and carry from any mining claim, tunnel, sluice, undercurrent, riffle box, or sulfurate machine, another’s gold dust, amalgam, or quicksilver is guilty of grand theft and is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

Section 1170. (h)(1):

Except as provided in paragraph (3), a felony punishable pursuant to this subdivision where the term is not specified in the underlying offense shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment in the county jail for 16 months, or two or three years. Fine authorized in addition to prescribed imprisonment, see Section 672.

California Penal Code §672:

Upon a conviction for any crime punishable by imprisonment in any jail or prison, in relation to which no fine is herein prescribed, the court may impose a fine on the offender not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in cases of misdemeanors or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in cases of felonies, in addition to the imprisonment prescribed.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County

Mission Statement

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County (T.S.S.D.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a G.P.A.A. chapter. Non G.P.A.A. members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on the claims committee, or utilize G.P.A.A. 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. A Non-Profit 501(c)4.

Meetings are held at the Park Avenue Community Center (formerly Joslyn Senior Center)
210 Park Avenue, Escondido CA
On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Board Members

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www.treasureseekersofsandiego.org

and we share a FB page with SPMA at:

“San Diego Area Prospectors and Gold Miners”