

FINDERS KEEPERS

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An Association of Small Miners

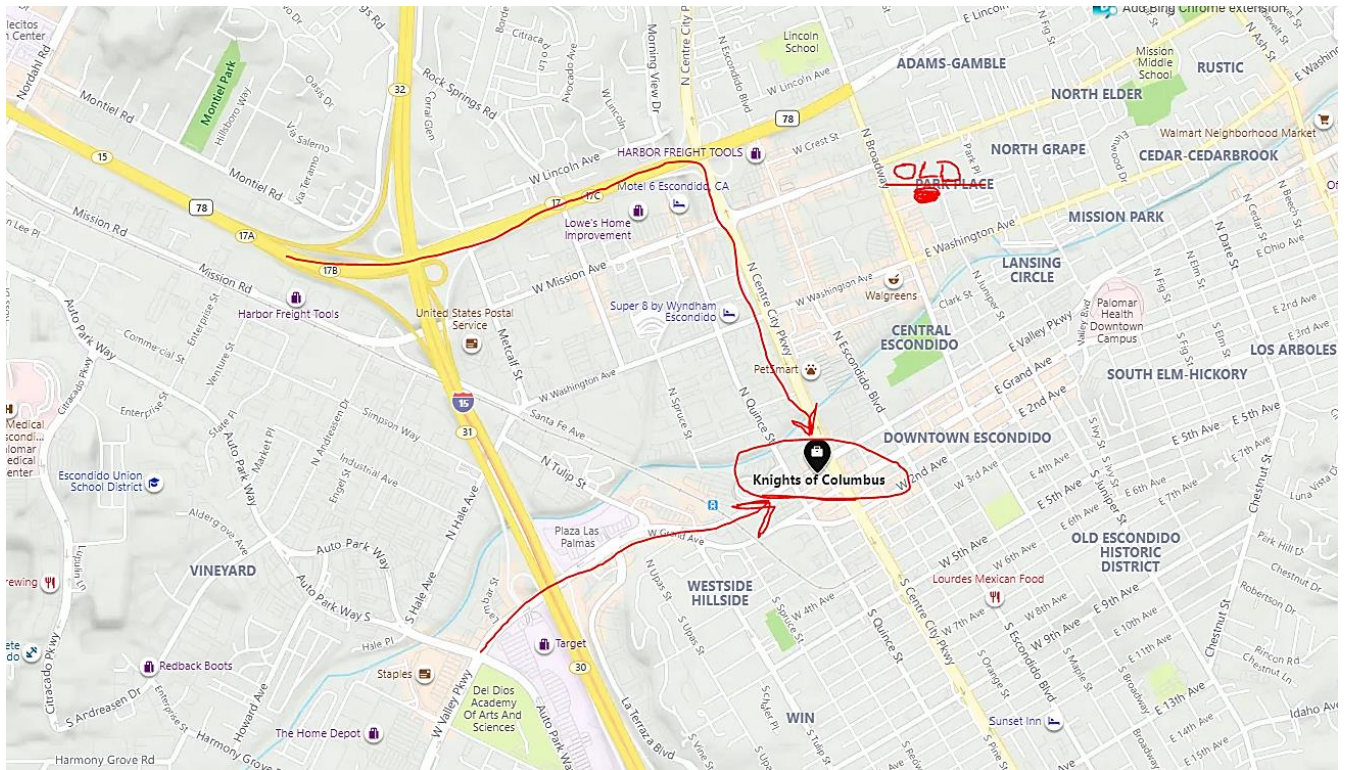
First Meeting in Person!
Wednesday, October 6th, 2021
Starts at 6:30pm to 8:30pm

NEW LOCATION!
Knights of Columbus Hall
515 West Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025

(West Valley Parkway and Centre City Parkway)

Parking: About 50 spaces at the Knights of Columbus – additional parking across W. Valley Parkway at the T-Shirt Mart.

We have a shorter time and we will have to set up the chairs and take down the chairs.
They are allowing us a few minutes before and after to do this.



President's Message:

Welcome to Restart October Treasureseekers;

I have just returned from "Missing in Action" status as I perceived enough of a break in the pesky Virus' numbers to take a trip back to the East Coast to visit family, I haven't been able to see for a year and a half. I didn't encounter any "Karen's" and everything went smooth and easy. If others are in the same boat, the most people that I experienced was right here at Lindbergh Field and I didn't feel threatened at all during the trip with the mask protocols being the same in New York and South Carolina as they are here at home. And speaking of "Missing in Action", I had the pleasure of seeing our very own John Howe in Charleston who asked me to pass along a hearty "HEY-YA'LL" to everyone. If you know our history, we were in the habit of sampling various breweries in the San Diego area and picked up where we left off with the final count of 4 breweries, 1 distillery, and a lunch at Lewis' for southern bar-b-que. Yummy to say the least.

Now for the good news....IT IS RESTART OCTOBER!!! Same time, Same day BUT NEW LOCATION.

Wednesday the 6th at 6:30pm We FINALLY have a meeting. As we showed you in the last newsletter the maps and location. The ESCONDIDO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLUB 515 West Valley Parkway (see the map) We have a lot of primarily business to catch up on and get back operating under our bylaws. It will be great to see everyone. No speaker, but the raffles will be back.

Activities this month include metal detecting at Ocean Beach on Sunday the 10th 8:00-10:00, a trip to the Freedom Claim on the weekend of the 23rd-24th so as not to get in the way of those of you who want to attend AMRA's Octoberfest on the 15-17 at the Slash X Cafe in Barstow, which is also back. I attended 2 years ago with a number of our members and we all had a great time and were able to sample some new claims and also participate in a fun seeded hunt with great prizes. Also, AMRA is one of the few organizations fighting to keep our right to mine and enjoy prospecting in the BLM open spaces.

SPMA has restarted their meetings at the Clairemont Recreation Center, TVP has a new meeting place at the Lake Elsinore Community Center, close to where Ortega Highway goes up the hill from the lake, and Hemet is up and operating again. It appears all of the SoCal Associations and claims are healthy and operating again.

With this cool spell it looks like the summer temps have broken for the fall season.

That's about it, I am looking forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday!

Jerryk

Membership Applications:

Membership Applications will be available at the October 6th, 2021 meeting.

Please be sure to attend and complete an application before the end of the meeting.

The new October 2021 to April 2023 membership cards will be available for pickup at the November 3rd, 2021 meeting.

All articles in our newsletter are written by the Editor, Charlene Myers, unless credit is given to another who wrote their article. Copying any form of this newsletter needs prior permission from the Editor.

Needed: Membership Chairman by December 15th, 2021

TSSD is in need of a new Membership Chairman to replace Charlene Myers for the January 2022 meeting.

You will need to be able to attend the General Meeting and arrive early in order to set up.

You need to be detail oriented, maintain records and complete paperwork on a timely basis.

Computer skills in Excel, Word, have a printer and Email is a must.

Approximately 3 to 4 hours of per month.

If you are interested and have some of these requirements, please contact Charlene Myers.

Needed: Newsletter Editor by December 15th, 2021

TSSD is in need of a new Newsletter Editor to replace Charlene Myers for the January 2022 meeting.

Make the newsletter your own!

Helpful to have a computer, word docs and be able to convert to a PDF Format and an email.

Approximately 3 plus hours per month.

If you are interested and have some of these requirements, please contact Charlene Myers.

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 **OCTOBER 31st, 2021.***

Searching the beaches . . .

by Frank M. Trutta

Cooler weather is now with us and the beach traffic will be way down. This makes beach hunting more challenging with fewer items being lost. Now is the time to tune up your hunting procedures by reading your manual on the capabilities of your machine. I think we are all excited and go hunting without getting the full potential out of our amazing machines. The machine is just a tool for us to use and it is up to us to develop our skills to use this tool. So, break out your manuals and read between the lines for those hidden hints you missed.

I will start resuming club hunts after the first of the year when there are low tides in the morning hours.

Should you have any questions on metal detectors, call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, 760 743-8516 or on my cell 760 291-7900.

Hunt smart!

It's Time...

Now is the time to check ALL your equipment! From camping equipment to metal detecting equipment to gold/gem mining equipment. Time exploring and hunting is better spent doing the actual hunting than repairing something out in the field.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Lepper

Endless Muffin Mix

Use this basic muffin mix recipe to create an endless creation of muffins.

To make the best muffins ever - use room temperature ingredients, hot oven (425*) then reduce oven to 350* temperature after 5 minutes of baking, allow mixture to sit for a few minutes before baking in oven

Ingredients:

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon each baking powder and baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup (1 Stick) unsalted butter or margarine, softened

2 Large eggs, room temperature

3/4 cup light brown sugar, packed or regular granulated sugar will be okay

1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt, room temperature

1 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1/4 cup milk, room temperature

Directions-

Preheat oven to 425*, spray muffin tin with nonstick spray (Pam) or use cupcake liners. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl whisk the following dry ingredients together: flour, baking soda baking powder cinnamon and salt. Set aside.

In another large bowl beat the butter and brown sugar together until smooth, add 1 egg at a time, beating after each egg, scrape the side of the bowl and then add the sour cream & vanilla extract. Reserve the milk for mixing in the dry ingredients to the wet. After batter is smooth slowly spoon in the dry mix to the wet mixture, adding a little milk if needed. Now you are ready to make any variation of muffin you choose. Fill each muffin nearly to the top with the batter. Bake 5 minutes the lower the temp. Bake an additional 15-18 minutes. Test for doneness insert toothpick in center of muffin, if it comes out clean, its done. Allow muffins to cool in muffin pan for about 5 minutes the transfer to wire rack. Glaze or unglazed your choice.

NOTE:

Jumbo muffins should bake at 425* for 5 minutes- 350* for 22-25 minutes

Mini muffins should bake at 350* for 12 14 minutes

Muffin ideas

1. Apple - Cinnamon use unsweetened apple sauce and add a touch of ground nutmeg cinnamon, 1/2 c. chopped nuts
2. Pineapple-coconut 1 c shredded toasted or un toasted coconut, 3/4 c. crushed pineapple, drained
3. Pumpkin- 3/4-1 cup canned pumpkin pie mix
4. Lemon- Poppy seeds- 2 tsp lemon zest & juice from 1 med. lemon, 2 TBS poppy seeds, before baking sprinkle tops with course sugar or make a lemon drizzle glaze.

Also use a variety of berries, (Raspberry, Blueberry, Strawberry), chocolate/white chips, apples, walnuts, pecans.

Outings and Events:

- October 6th, 2021 – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Hall
515 West Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025
- October 7th, 2021 – Thursday: TSSD Board Meeting
12 Noon to 2:00 PM
Charlie’s Restaurant, Escondido
- October 10th, 2021 – Sunday: Metal Detecting with Jerry Kaplan
Ocean Beach, San Diego
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- October 23rd and 24th, 2021 – Saturday and Sunday:
TSSD Freedom Claim Outing
Details in the Newsletter
- November 3rd, 2021 – Wednesday: TSSD General Meeting
Knights of Columbus Hall
515 West Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025
6:30pm

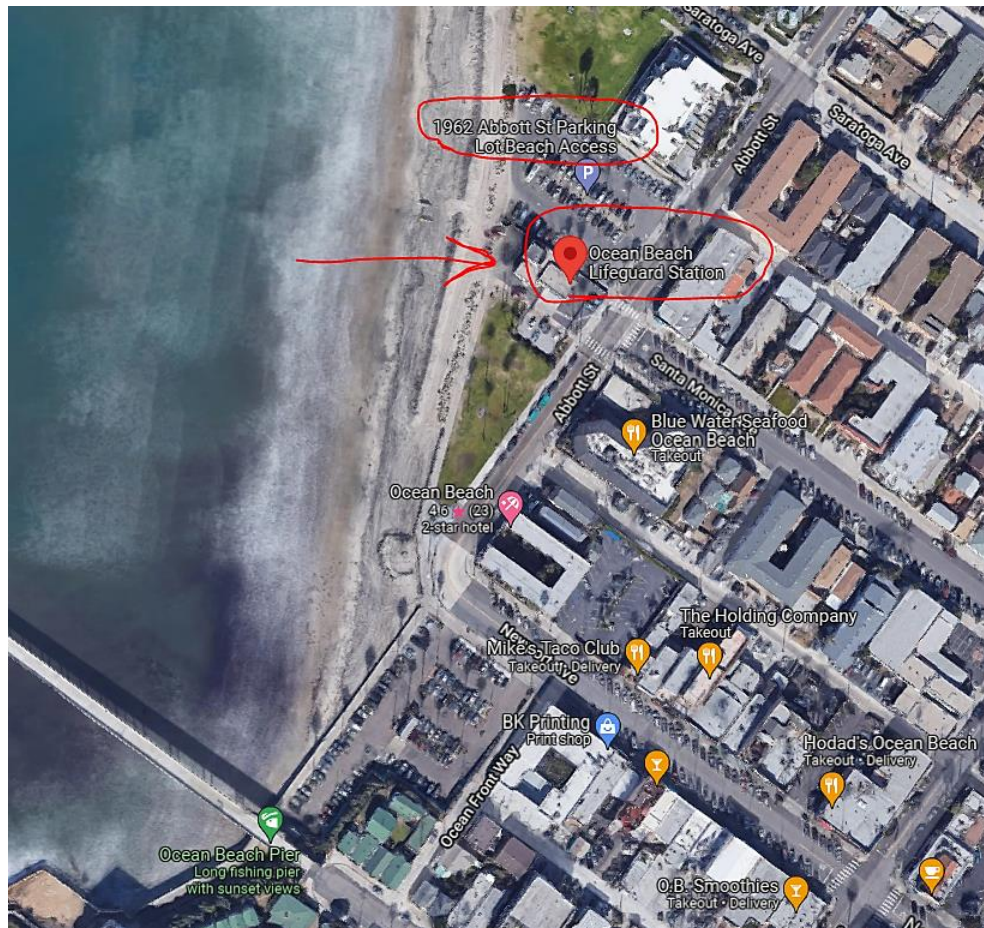
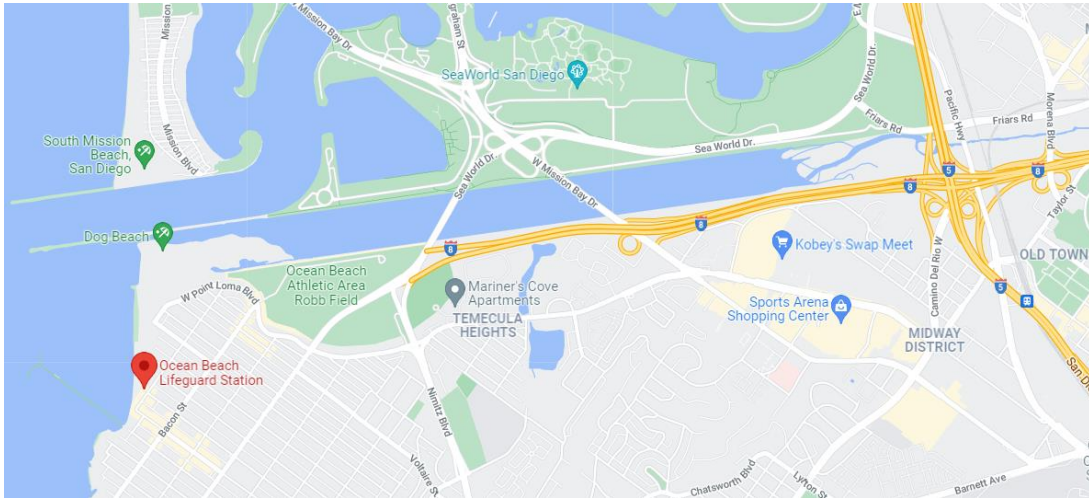
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Metal Detecting with JerryK:

Sunday, October 10th, 2021 at 8:00am at Ocean Beach, San Diego, CA.

Meet at the Main Ocean Beach Lifeguard Station adjacent to *1962 Abbot Street Parking Lot Beach Access*. Both are located just North of the Ocean Beach Pier.

Bring your metal detector, earphones, some type of sand scoop and a bag to put your finds and trash that you find in.



October Outing:

TSSD's "Freedom" Claim and others

Treasure Seekers of San Diego will be holding their monthly outing, Saturday and Sunday October 23rd and 24th, 2021 at the Freedom Claim (located in the TSSD mining claim guide). It is approximately 3 hours north of Escondido and approximately 180 miles.

There is plenty of room for tents, vehicles, motorhomes and trailers.

Dry Camping only No hookups No Bathrooms.

This claim is known for lots of fine gold to flakes and some smaller nuggets. Drywashing, Metal Detecting and Dowsing is recommended. The previous owner of this claim dug many holes and the piles of overburden can be accessed easily. In these piles of overburden is where the gold has been found. Gold has also been found in the caliche.

When out there, don't forget to go check and prospect the other three claims that are in the immediate area. They are: "Smokin'", "Little Bit" and "Splash" which can be found in the TSSD claim guide. All are in an easy drive of each other.

Directions to the claim:

Hwy. 15 North to Hwy. 395 North. The claim is approximately 75 miles from this junction.

You can get fuel and ice in Kramer Junction or Adelanto which is a few miles up the road and has many gas stations, food and a Wal-Mart near #395 and #18. You can get water in Johannesburg.

As you enter Johannesburg, look for the street called "St. Elmo" (has a mini market on the corner) turn left. Travel a few blocks and you will see the Johannesburg Water Dept. building on your left (light brown in color with large trees). Here you can load up with water from a metered hose out in the front. They charge a few cents per gallon. You pay your money through a slot in the office door. Since the water is so cheap, most of us give a 'tip' to help keep this operation going.

Go back out to Hwy. 395 and head north.

As you head downhill you will cross a railroad track. Once passed the tracks there will be a road marked with a white barrel with a LDMA sign on it. The street sign is called RM 26. Turn right. Travel through the LDMA (Duisenburg) claim and campground Please *remember to do 10 mph while going through their camp.*

Motorhomes and Trailers - Once you are past the LDMA camp you will cross the railroad tracks, bearing left. It is suggested that you travel along the railroad tracks, past the claim and then backtrack to the claim on the well-traveled dirt road. This is the easiest road into the claim for all vehicles.

Please enjoy yourselves..... find lots of gold..... And know what claim you are on by the GPS readings. Many, many claims are right adjacent to TSSD's.

Remember your TSSD Claim Guide and your Current TSSD Membership Card!

Claim Use Form:

We hope our members are out enjoying our claims during this time.

PLEASE remember to the last page of this newsletter, the “Claim Use Form”, and fill it out and mail it to the address that is printed on it.

Paperwork needs to continue even with the shutdown.

Camping on BLM Land:

All of our claims are on BLM Land. Here is their newest ruling regarding camping on BLM Land: On most BLM lands, you may camp for free without a permit for up to **14 days** at a time at the location of your choice. You must then **move at least 25 miles away** to another campsite, and you cannot return to the original area for 28 days. Fires are allowed in most areas, however check with the field office where you plan to camp to determine whether a fire permit is necessary.

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 - <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>

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.

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.

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.

Classifieds:

If you have something that you would like to sell or trade, please send your ad to charlenemyers@cox.net before the 25th of each month. Ads run for one 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

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www.treasureseekersofsandiego.org

and we share a FB page with SPMA at:

“San Diego Area Prospectors and Gold Miners”

The Treasure Seekers of San Diego County

Claims Department P.O. Box 300941, Escondido, CA 92030

In order to ensure that our claims are worked and so that we have records to prove it, we made up this form. If the BLM questions us as to the use of our claims or wants to close one of our areas to prospecting, we want to be able to produce records that show that our claims are being used. Thanks for your help. The form should be mailed to the above address or turned in at a monthly meeting.

CLAIM USED _____

MEMBERS NAME _____

DATE USED _____

TOTAL PEOPLE AND TIME ON THE CLAIM _____

(number of people actually prospecting or mining & amount of time doing it plus all repair, maintenance and cleanup done. If more space needed use back.

TYPE OF WORK DONE _____

MEMBERS SIGNATURE _____

ACCESS:

CLAIMS ACCESS

- 1 EASY
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 VERY DIFFICULT

VEHICLE ACCESS

- 2X4
- 4X4
- CAMPERS OK
- HIKE IN ONLY

CLAIM MARKERS

- IN PLACE
- DOWN/NOT READABLE
- COULD NOT LOCATE

CLAIMS GUIDE DIRECTIONS:

WERE DIRECTIONS ACCURATE? YES NO

IF NOT PLEASE GIVE NEW DIRECTIONS _____ *CON'T ON BACK*

Type of equipment used: Pan Rockerbox Sluice Drywasher
 Metal Detector Highbanker Other _____

Type of gold found nugget flake flour