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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM AUGUST 13
AT THE WEST PALM BEACH GARDEN CLUB IN DREHER PARK
IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

OUR CODE OF ETHICS: HAVE PERMISSION AND DO NO HARM

AUGUST MEETING

Always a fun occasion, our "What to Do with Your Finds" contest is back! The August 13th meeting will once again feature this unique contest in which members will surprise and delight us with their creativity and show off how they display their finds or what they create using items they have "recovered" during their hunts throughout the year. Each member who wishes to enter must bring a new item (or items) that they created since the last contest. Displays from previous "What to Do with Your Finds" contests will not be eligible for prizes, although members may feel free to show off their prior contest entries on a different table. Doing so could give new members some ideas of fun things they can do with their finds so they won't stay hidden away in a box!

Thank you in advance to **Linda Bennett**, who has volunteered to bring refreshments during our August meeting (rumor is that we may be treated to another ice cream social!) and to **Linda Bowen** for volunteering to bring a unique "treasure" that she hopes will stump us during the "Mystery Item" contest.

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

A group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting as a way to catch up with friends, old and new. Join us in the back room of **Park Ave. (PA) BBQ** in Lake Worth. (Dinner is Dutch Treat.)

**Park Ave. BBQ & Grille
2401 North Dixie Hwy (US 1)
Lake Worth, Florida**

Please remember to return books, DVDs and tapes that you checked out from the GCTC library last month!

INDEPENDENT HUNT

Ben Smith has obtained a household appliance to dismantle - and hide pieces of - for us to find. Ben will plant pieces of a household appliance on August 5. A silver dollar will be awarded to the person who has recovered the most pieces of the appliance and who can also name that appliance during the August meeting. These items will be planted at **Carlin Park Beach**. The north boundary is a bright red stick/marker on the dune. About 60 paces south of the beach entrance and right side peak of pavilion roof is the south boundary. The dune line (dune line is the bottom...nothing will be on the slope) is the west boundary. The east boundary is about 40 feet out from the dune line.

Carlin Park is in Jupiter on A1A, south of Indiantown Road. *Good luck everyone!*



South boundary



North boundary

JOINT HUNT WITH SFTHC

The South Florida Treasure Hunting Club has invited our members to join them for a joint wild hunt on Sunday, August 16. Meet at "North Park" at the end of Sheridan Street between 9 - 10 AM to socialize, then hunt from 11 AM - noon. Be sure to tell the gate attendant that you are affiliated with the SFTHC. The SFTHC will supply the charcoal for the BBQ pits but please bring your own food and drink.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1,747.18

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New members pay an
initiation fee of \$5
and \$30 if joining between Jan 1st
and the end of June
or \$15 if joining between July 1
and Dec. 31

MEMBERS BUY AND SELL COLUMN

REILLY'S TREASURED GOLD offers a complete line of new & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers, and books. The shop also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. See their website: www.rtgstore.com.

TOM LIEBERMAN – Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409; email: telieberman@aol.com

ED WESTON – WANTED: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-622-9282.

FRANK and PAULINE NASH – Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale: palmbeachmetaldetectors.com. The owners are club members. When you purchase a new detector from them or refer a customer to them, 10 % of the net profits will go directly to benefit our club and its members. Call 561-743-5248.

JERRY LAUR – Stainless Steel Colt 45 cal Pistol: \$700; Stainless Steel Ruger Mark II, 22 cal pistol: \$350; Minelab Explorer metal detector with extra books: \$700. All items are like new with little use. Call Jerry @ 561-694-7963 8 AM to 8 PM.

LINDA BENNETT – *new Headhunter PiratePRO* won at GSBSO. Brand new, in box with two year warranty. Retail at \$439; asking \$350. Call 561-352-4068.

BOB SMIRNOW – Tesoro LObo. Bought in 2006 for \$800. Never used. With headphones. Asking \$450. Call Bob Smirnow: 561-735-8921.

TESSA DURAND – BUY OR SELL AVON. Just imagine, being the CEO of your own Company! Check out my website, order online, direct shipping right to your door. www.youravon/tdurand-owens.com or call 561-358-2252.

GARY MCNEW – WANTED: Any of your unwanted finds, things like electronics, whole or in pieces, unwanted jewelry of any condition and even cauliflower pennies. I'll have a container at the meeting for you to drop stuff in. Also wanted, "Dead or Alive," your old computers and video games. 561-718-5523.

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE: Antique crystal punch bowl with 18 matching cups and hand-blown dipper. \$20, trade, or best offer. Contact Stacey: sdeLuc823@aol.com or 561-687-2310.

CHERYL PETENBRINK – FOR SALE: White's Surfmaster PI (Plus) Water Detector with weighted coil; asking \$325. Call 561-697-5073.

MINDY SPIROCH – FOR SALE: White's Prism V Metal Detector. Excellent condition, originally paid \$500, selling for \$300 with original user guide. Call Mindy: 561-432-7242 (Home); 561-329-9984 (Cell).

*Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. The club does not profit unless noted in the ad. Sometimes ads will need to be edited due to available space. Items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact **Linda Bennett** to place your ad.*

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver quarter and certificate)

BEST GOLD – Cheryl Petenbrink
14 Kt White Gold Ring with Diamonds



BEST SILVER – Nikolay Malchev
Silver Tiffany and Company Ring



MOST UNUSUAL – Radina Malchev
Egyptian Tile



COSTUME JEWELRY – Cheryl Petenbrink
Movado Watch



BEST COIN – Nikolay Malchev
English Pound



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)

Gold – Nikolay Malchev (14 Kt Gold Rolex Ring)



Silver – Gary Spiroch (Silver Ring)



Most Unusual – Gary McNew (Goody Bag)



Costume – Tom Lieberman (Earrings)



Coin – Gary McNew (1929 Wheat Penny)



Monthly Best Finds Winners



Gary McNew, Nikolay Malchev, Radina Malchev, Cheryl Petenbrink and Tom Lieberman

JULY MEETING

The July meeting drew thirty members and three guests, **Tom Hamilton**, and **Eugene** and **Melanie Papkov**. President **Mindy Spiroch** asked members in attendance to sign up for the Monthly Refreshment and Mystery Prize Stumper lists. The club will now reimburse \$20 to the monthly refreshment volunteers. She asked volunteers to bring only inexpensive snacks, such as popcorn, pretzels, ice, and drinks in an attempt to stay within the \$20 reimbursement amount.

Mindy thanked member **Nick Mosca** for bringing in home grown mangoes to share with the members.

Gail Hoskins asked members and guests to "Please pay attention to the guest speakers and when the Board is in session." (Talking is a huge distraction!)

The evening's program encouraged members to bring in their **Best Non-metallic Finds Collections**.

Gary McNew brought in his collection of "Sea Beans." He explained that the beans are sometimes called "mini hamburgers" and that in South America they're made into jewelry by drilling holes and polishing them. He brought printouts of different bean types, website info (www.seedbean.com), and a newsletter.



Tessa Durand showed off her seashell collection. She has been collecting shells since she was 12-years-old. They are everywhere in the house!



Jim Sharp showed off some of his seashell jewelry that he sells online. He collects interesting pieces of broken shell and puts jump rings on them to make attractive pendants.



Gary McNew earned a First Place prize of a silver half dollar for his collection. **Tessa Durand** won the Second Place prize of a silver quarter. Congrats, you two!

ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Half Dollar – **Nikolay Malchev**
Silver Half Dollar – **Guest, Tom Hamilton**
Silver Dime – **Jim Sharp**
Silver Dime – **Joe Cook**
Silver Dime – **Jerry Laur**
Coffee – **Heather McNew**
Coffee – **Tessa Duran**
Coffee – **Jack Petenbrink**
Coffee – **Linda Bowen**
Treasure Box – **Nikolay Malchev**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors: **Ben Smith** donated a treasure box, and **Gary Spiroch** donated several bags of coffee.*

50/50 DRAWING

Nick Mosca won \$35 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. *Congrats, Nick! See? It DOES pay to play!*

MYSTERY ITEM

New members often wonder "WHAT the heck is a Mystery Item?" Each month one club member volunteers to try to stump fellow members by choosing a secret item that is revealed after the break. If an item in a member's Tall Tales Table display matches the Mystery Item, that member wins a silver quarter! So it pays to bring and display ALL your finds, even the junk! Sorry gang...the person supplying the Mystery Item does not get the silver quarter if they stump the club. BUT, they DO get a free door prize ticket for their effort!

July's Mystery Item was supplied by **Gary McNew**. He stumped everyone with an eyelash curler. *Congrats, Gary!* Wonder what **this** month's Mystery Item will be!

BIRTHDAYS

July birthday celebrants **Betty Laur** and **Ben Smith** received a gold presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Stacey deLucia (8/23)

Tessa Durand (8/8)

Steven Hoskins (8/9)

Philip Hujar (8/5)

Peter Schneider (8/25)

James Sharp (8/29)

Good Will Ambassadors Performing Random Acts of Kindness

The GCTC recognizes members who provide selfless service to our community. The first time a member returns an item, that individual receives a metal detecting pin (handcrafted by **Steve Hoskins**) to wear on his or her hat, in addition to a certificate of appreciation. Future returns are recognized by additional certificates. Kudos to *all* club members who go out of their way to return items to their owners. The actions of each of our "Ambassadors of Goodwill" enhance the public's perception of our hobby! Way to go, gang!

First Time Ambassador



Trent Bowen
Returned a Wedding Band and Diamond Engagement Ring

Repeat Ambassadors



Frank Nash
Returned a Gold Ring
and
Returned a Ring in Cancun



Jim Sharp
Returned a Pair of Earrings

UNSUNG HEROES

Trent Bowen watched some people 75 feet away on the beach - they appeared to have lost something and one of them was obviously a novice in metal detecting! Finally Trent got up from his blanket and went over with his metal detector. The lady in distress explained that she had lost two rings in the sand. One was a diamond engagement ring and the other was a wedding band. Naturally the jewelry was not in the location she indicated. Trent found it after 20 minutes of detecting. He refused a reward, but received a BIG Smile and HUG!

Frank Nash returned a gold ring in Jupiter Farms. The couple had an argument 17 years ago. The woman tried to dispose of the ring in the garbage disposal; that didn't work, so she threw it in the yard. Frank found it and returned it. They couldn't believe it!

Sent by email: Hi, my name is Steve Afre and I'm just taking a minute of your time to express my gratitude to Frank Nash and Joe Cook from the Gold Coast Treasure Club who came to my house yesterday to find a gold ring that has been lost in my yard for over 15 years. It took Frank Nash only about 5 minutes to find it. I was overwhelmed with joy. We'll try to send a photo soon. Sincerely, Steve Afre.

Frank Nash also returned a ring while he was on a trip to Cancun.

Jim Sharp found a pair of earrings. They were not where the woman thought she lost them, but in the water eight feet from shore.





As reported in the July newsletter, **Nikolay Malchev** saved a life while water metal detecting. He heard a young girl calling out for help several times. At first he thought she was fooling around, but when he realized she was serious he dropped his detector and scoop, grabbed her and her friend by their necks and took them ashore where a lifeguard and a fire Chief assisted in reviving them. For his heroic efforts Nikolay received the "Life Saver Award" and a large bag of "Lifesavers!" Way to Go!!!

CLUB HUNT

Our Summer Scavenger Hunt continues! As announced in June, during the summer months of June, July and August there won't be an official club hunt. Instead, keep track of your finds and mark them off the scavenger hunt list provided in the June newsletter. Bring your list and those items found from June 11 through September 10 to the September meeting. The top three scavengers will win prizes. Will YOU be one of the Top Scavengers?

BURIED COIN CACHE FOUND!



Details at August Meeting

Will not be reburied again until October or November

PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Low tides are good for small sandbars. Try working them when you detect. You may just get lucky!

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

John and Carol Presslein are in the Lake Michigan area. John reports that it has been in the low 50s at night and only the low 70s during the day, setting record low temperatures. Lake Michigan is only 51 degrees which is bone chilling. When it's that cold the fish don't bite. John said they spent 21 hours on the lake and only caught two fish weighing 10 and 14 pounds. They usually average 1.5 fish per hour.

John said, "I bought new earphones that loop on the ears and the speakers are less than a dime size and rest over the ear canal (hope they do not get too wet) and the sound is fantastic!! I did come home with money from an area that I have frequently detected."

INTERNET SITES

<http://www.mitchking.us/>

<http://www.dankowskidetectors.com/>

<http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/>

<http://www.findmall.com/>

<http://www.detectorbase.com/>

<http://home.att.net/~enrada/>



FOREIGN COINS

Our club, along with the South Florida Treasure Club, continues to collect foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This is a year-round project. If you have coins to donate, please see **Linda Bennett**, who will make sure your donation goes to the right place. YOU can be a hero to a child in need!

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

Jan Smirnow collects cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC. *Please note that only the real cartridges purchased from office supply stores qualify for us to sell. Generic ink cartridges are NOT accepted.* Jan is also collecting pull tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please SAVE yours and give to Jan. Each donation adds up!

Stacey deLucia will continue to collect prescription glasses and sunglasses for the South Florida Lion's Club.

John Lobota accepts member donations of metals such as brass, copper, and lead weights that we find while metal detecting. He will take them to the recycling plant to sell for scrap. All cash raised helps to replenish our treasury, so please see John to donate! Don't let all that digging go to waste! Help turn your trash into cash. We *all* benefit!

TCAS 23rd ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9 AM until 4 PM at Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. The cost is \$85 for the whole day. All hunts, plus lunch, are included in the fee. If you pay before March 1, 2010, the cost is only \$75. Hunt applications will be available at the GCTC meetings.

For further information regarding the hunt contact:

Mitch King, Hunt Coordinator, at
mking11@earthlink.net or

<http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm>

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00

Club Towels: \$3.00

Club Patches: \$5.00

GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00

Club T-shirts: \$12 - \$15

NEW: Club Hats with GCTC Logo: \$12.00

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2009

AS OF JULY:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 2,172.20

PLATINUM: 6

GOLD: 59

SILVER: 130

FROM SRARC NEWSLETTER

This article is reprinted from the Suncoast Research and Recovery Club's June 2009 newsletter.

Honeymoon Island fiasco; as many of you have already heard water hunting is off limits at Honeymoon Island. There are a lot rumors floating around why this occurred, which at this point are irrelevant. Mike Miller contacted the State agency concerned and below is their response.

"Thank you for your interest in Florida State Parks. Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 62D-2 which provides rules and regulations for Florida State Parks does not specifically address the use of metal detectors; however it prohibits any ground disturbing activity which is a product of metal detecting. As a result, guidelines for the use of metal detectors as stated in the Florida State Parks Operations Manual are as follows:

1. Due to the tidal influence in coastal areas, the use of metal detecting devices are allowed in coastal parks, in a zone between the waterline and the toe of the dune, as determined by the Park Manager, except at archaeological sites within the zone designated by the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) or the Park Manager.

2. For the recovery of lost personal items that are specifically identified by their owner as being lost in a specific area of a park. The owner of lost property or his representative should contact the park manager who will arrange a time for the search to be conducted in the presence of a park staff member. During these searches, only the item sought may be kept by the owner or his representative.

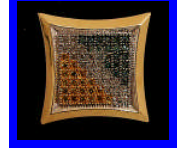
Any dug hole(s) associated with the use of a metal detector must be refilled to the contour of pre-dig conditions using excavated material.

Unfortunately, the rules and statutes that govern state parks do not relate to other public lands; therefore I would suggest contacting the specific land managing agency in which you have an interest regarding metal detecting. For example, if the land is managed by the county, you should contact the respective county for information regarding rules and regulations for that particular land. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding Florida State Parks please feel free to contact me."

Casey Laurienzo
Information Specialist
Bureau of Operational Services
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

OTHER GREAT FINDS

Seen on the July Tall Tales Table



TREASURENET FORUM

Some of our members belong to various forums to share information with other metal detectorists in the US and internationally. These sites have a wealth of information concerning how to use your detector, laws, how to improve your equipment, and much more. Basic membership is free, but you can upgrade to charter member for \$20/year for more in-depth use of this forum.

<http://forum.treasurenet.com/>

Talk with **Nikolay Malchev**, **Jim Sharp**, **Gary McNew**, **Stacey deLucia**, **Linda Bennett**, or **John Lobota** about the forums they belong to on the Internet.

TNET members sponsor social meetings and hunts. One is being tentatively organized for September 19 in the St. Petersburg area. Details are still being worked out. You must be a member to attend. Below is the link for updates on this event:

<http://forum.treasurenet.com/index.php/topic,256427.0.html>

TreasureNet does not officially endorse, promote, or facilitate organized treasure hunts or events. Members at this site may organize various hunts and events, but TreasureNet in no way guarantees the safety or honesty of its participants or organizers, or of any hunts/events legitimacy, or the entertainment value of such hunts/events. TreasureNet advises all users to exercise caution when meeting people through this or any other online medium.

The above is the official stance of TreasureNet on these types of events. **Linda Bennett**, **Karen Larson**, **Betty** and **Jerry Laur**, and **Ken Lubinski** attended a weekend hunt in January in the panhandle area of Florida and had a blast! Road trip anyone???

UPCOMING EVENTS

August: Independent Hunt by Ben Smith
August 13 Meeting: "What to Do with Your Finds" Contest
August 16: Get together with SFTHC
June – September: Summer Scavenger Hunt
March 13, 2010: TCAS Competition Hunt

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John Presslein and Paul Hamlin.*

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