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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. JANUARY 11
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

JANUARY MEETING

Join us on **January 11th** as we usher in a New Year welcoming a new president (**Ernie Bouyoucas**) and new treasurer (**Ken Lubinski**). Now that all of our snowbirds are in town, we are excited to welcome back revered treasure hunting expert, author and friend of the GCTC, **Bob Frogfoot Weller** as our January speaker. Every time Bob has spoken to our club our members have been spellbound! Bob will share some of his exciting experiences in search of "Cancun Treasure" and he will give us an insider's look at his new book, "True Stories of Sunken Treasure." Not only can "Froggie" spin a tale (and a true tale of sunken treasure, at that!), but he really knows how to put on a show! He always brings along some spectacular finds for us all to salivate over, so you won't want to miss the first meeting of 2007!

Thank you in advance to **Bob Dobski** for volunteering to bring the "Mystery Item" to the January meeting and to **Mitzi Bergrud** for volunteering to bring refreshments! And, don't forget to bring in the rest of your 2006 finds! Last chance to show off your "2006 booty" at the tall tales table!

Join us for BBQ before the meeting!

A group of us get together at Park Avenue BBQ in Lake Worth at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting. It's a fun way to network with your detecting buddies, so why not come out and join us? Everyone is welcome! Just show up and look in the back room for a group of smiling faces. Dinner is Dutch Treat so B.Y.O.M Bring your own money!

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

From President Ernie Bouyoucas

Hello to one and all! The officers and board members of the GCTC want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

In my first message as president of the GCTC, I would like to share some of the things I hope we can accomplish this year. First, I would like to see the GCTC membership grow. We all have opportunities to talk about the club to friends, family and those who see us detecting on the beach or elsewhere. Invite someone to attend a meeting, meet the members and look at the "treasures" on the tall tales tables. Second, I'd like to see a continued adherence to the Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics by all members. I know we all practice these principles, but sometimes during the thrill of a hunt, some of us (myself included) probably become a little lax in our application. It is important to maintain these high standards as members of the GCTC and to keep our image as one of professionalism and service to the community. What a difference, when asking permission to hunt private property, to be met with the response of, "You belong to the Gold Coast Treasure Club? Sure, hunt all you want" instead of, "No way - I know how you treasure hunters are, always leaving holes everywhere." Finally, have fun. We all look forward to the coming year with hope, anticipation and renewed enthusiasm about our metal detecting endeavors. It's a healthy, interesting and rewarding (mentally and at times financially) hobby. I wish I had started 30 years ago.

Once again I wish you a great 2007 and don't forget - "Keep Looking Down."

**Please remember to return any library books
or videos that you checked out last month.**

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Dues are \$30 a year
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

KEVIN REILLY offers a complete line of new and used detectors and also scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing (call for details). 954-971-6102 or www.rtgstore.com
Has low prices plus 10% discount to members.

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

MITZI BERGRUD - Now selling ALABAMA real estate. Available at the right price in Northeast Alabama: lots, acreage, water view or waterfront properties, acreage with wild life, a second home or a home for retirement. Quiet, pristine area within easy driving distance of Atlanta, GA, Chattanooga, TN, Birmingham, AL or Huntsville, AL. For more information call 561-790-3997 or email southstar@earthlink.net.

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

KURT HERRING – FOR SALE: Fisher CZ 70 metal detector with 10" and 5" coils. Used but working well. \$375.00 OBO. Contact Kurt Herring at 561-622-9801.

JAN AND BOB SMIRNOW FOR SALE: Minelab Quattro. Contact Bob or Jan Smirnow at 561-735-8921.

ELLEN RAPPAPORT: Affordable legal for pennies a day. Just for trying it out you can receive a Last Will and Testament, Living Will and Health Power of Attorney for FREE!!! You have unlimited toll-free attorney consultations for personal or business questions. Legal services include Motor Vehicle moving traffic violations, Trial Defense, IRS Audit and a lot more. See for yourself - a short 4-minute movie on my website: www.prepaidlegal.com/hub/ellen44 Cell: 561-699-6160.

STACEY DELUCIA – Thinking about hunting South Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Deerfield or Hollywood Beach, but don't want to make the trip alone and want someone to split the gas bill with? Your car or mine, I'm game! Call me at 561-687-2310 or e-mail: sdeLuc823@aol.com to set it up!

Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. These items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Linda Bennett to place your ad.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors:

*Ernie Bouyoucas; Linda Bennett;
Stacey deLucia; and Jan Smirnow.*

TREASURE HUNTER OF THE YEAR - 2006

At every meeting, GCTC members bring in their finds from the previous month for the club's show and tell table. Forms are filled out listing the various finds. Points are awarded by the hunt master based on the show and tell worksheets and monthly best finds. A secret tally is kept from January to November. At the holiday party in December, the top four hunters are recognized. This year, second, third and fourth place winners received a treasure chest and a special handcrafted alarm clock. The winner received a plaque donated by Kellyco, a clock handcrafted from a metal detector coil, a treasure chest and a special handcrafted alarm clock. A club trophy on display at every meeting has listed every club Treasure Hunter of the Year since 1990.



BOB SMIRNOW
2006
TREASURE HUNTER OF THE YEAR



CHERYL PETENBRINK
2ND PLACE



JAN SMIRNOW
3RD PLACE



JASON PETENBRINK
4TH PLACE

*A special thanks to Linda Bennett for her creativity in making the coil clock and the alarm clock.
Photos by Steve Hoskins*

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Ted Rudd and Dorothy Mills**. Calls are always welcome!

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00

Club Towels: \$3.00

Club Patches: \$5.00

GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00

**YOUR \$30 YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL WAS DUE ON JANUARY 1ST.
IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES,
THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!
CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL TO SEE IF
YOU HAVE NOT PAID.**

Membership Renewal Form

Name_____

Address_____

City and State_____

Zip Code_____

Phone #_____

Email _____

Please _____DO _____DO NOT

Include my name, address, phone # & Email
address in the new club directory.

(Note: directory goes to members ONLY.)

MAIL TO:

Gold Coast Treasure Club

C/O Gail Hoskins

206 Russell Drive

Lake Worth, FL 33461

COIN CACHE

The coins will be planted by **Jan Smirnow** after the January meeting and clues will be provided in the February newsletter.

JANUARY HUNT

Since the last hunt at the **Tanah Keeta Boy Scout Camp** was held in February 2005, hopefully we will have a productive hunt. The hunt time will be 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. rain or shine. Meet at the parking lot by 8:30 a.m. for a briefing. Be sure to bring your own food and drinks. The cost will be \$6 per person. Please keep all your trash for the final count and a picture. A display board will be presented to the Boy Scout Council showing the type of trash that we remove and thus helps with the safety of the campers. Our application states that our primary purpose is the removal of unsafe metal objects.

Any early birds, who would like to have breakfast before the hunt, please meet at the Cracker Barrel on 45th Street at 7:00 a.m. Take I-95 to 45th Street. Go west and turn at the first street on the left which is Metrocentre Blvd. Follow the road till it ends.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Take I-95 or the Turnpike to the Jupiter Exit. Go east on Indiantown Road. At US 1, head north to the light at Tequesta Drive and turn west. Stay on Tequesta Drive until you reach a dead end at the subdivision gate. Turn north on Country Club Drive and go to the end, you will see the entrance to the camp on the left. Be careful, the police really enforce the speed limits. There will be detailed maps at the meeting. If you get lost, call **Linda's** cell phone at 561-352-4068.

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL SILVER HUNT

Mark your calendar on February 18 for our annual silver hunt and picnic. The silver hunt is always our most popular hunt of the year. More details will be in the February newsletter and at the February meeting.

NEW CONTEST

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR FINDS

Crank up those creative juices and enter this contest! Do you have a great way to display your finds or have you created something wonderful out of your treasures? Some ideas are to make a wreath, a clock or jewelry using your finds. Judging will be held at the February meeting and prizes will be awarded. So, start thinking about what YOU can do to give your finds new life. More details will be available at the January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$964.80

*Errors in grammar and spelling are added for those who like to find them.
Linda Bennett newsletter co-editor*

MONTHLY BEST FINDS

Starting in January, a fifth Monthly Best Find will be added. That category will be Best Coin. This category will include any coin whether American or foreign. The other categories remain the same: Best Gold, Best Silver, Best Costume Jewelry and Most Unusual.

2006 YEARLY BEST FINDS TO BE HELD AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Bring your best finds recovered in 2006 for the Best Finds Contest. The entries were displayed on the Tall Tales Table January 2006 through January 2007. Categories will be: **Best Gold; Best Silver; Best Costume Jewelry; Best Toy; Best Token; Best Foreign Coin; Best Relic; Best Non Jewelry; Most Unusual; Oldest American Coin.** The Oldest American coin will be broken down into subcategories of oldest penny, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar and dollar. Winners for the 10 major categories will receive a silver round/bar, a certificate and picture of your find on the website for a year. (The picture on the website is optional.) Winners of the American coin subcategories will each receive a silver half dollar, a certificate and picture of the find on the website. Each member is allowed one entry per category. Winners are decided by the same voting system that is used for the monthly best finds. Of course, voting on the Oldest American coin is not necessary.

CONVERT TRASH INTO CASH

We are still collecting unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges so they can be recycled. Donate yours to the GCTC and we will convert them into cash while protecting the environment. Each month, bring in your used printer cartridges and unwanted cell phones and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. All brands of printer cartridges (except Epson) and all cell phones (no phone accessories) can be recycled. It's easy to help our club and our community! For more information, call **Stacey** (561-687-2310).

ALSO WANTED: EYEGLASSES

Club members are also encouraged to bring in prescription glasses and sunglasses, which will be donated to underprivileged people suffering from vision problems. **Stacey** collects these during our monthly meetings so the club can donate them to the South Florida Lion's Club. Please remember to bring any unwanted eyeglasses to the next meeting and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. Thank you!

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This will be a year-round project. The coins are mailed in May, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club's donation.

Silent Auction Items Needed!

It's that time again! Time to go through your closets, metal detecting bag, cabinets and garage in search of items you no longer need or want. Bring them to the **March meeting** for our **Silent Auction** and watch your "trash" become someone else's "treasure!" This event is one of our favorites. All auction proceeds go back into our club. Did Santa bring you a gift that "isn't you?" DONATE it to the GCTC! Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, books, videos, DVDs, CDs, tools, household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, sports equipment, hobby items, wines, gems and minerals, etc. If in doubt about an item, e-mail **Stacey**: sdeLuc823@aol.com.

TCAS 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 10 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. 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

www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/8480/

5th GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT APRIL 27 - 29, 2007

Held every year at Daytona Beach, Florida, the GSBS has quickly become known as the world's largest beach metal detection event! This year's Great Southern Beach Shootout will feature several competition hunts, plus a kid's hunt! As always, thousands of coins, prizes and cash awards will make this GSBS an event not to be missed by any metal detecting enthusiast! Information and application forms will be available at the meeting.

CHECK OUT THIS SITE:

<http://www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/>



HOLIDAY PARTY

The holiday party broke all attendance records for members and guests with 65 people enjoying a great catered meal from Sonny's Restaurant! Fortunately the rain stopped before the lake next to the club house covered the driveway. A short meeting was held for voting and induction of officers and board.

OFFICERS FOR 2007

Ernie Bouyoucas, President
Stacey deLucia, Vice President
Ken Lubinski, Treasurer
Jan Smirnow, Secretary
Hunt Master, Linda Bennett

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2007

Gail Hoskins, Sales and Raffle Promoter
Karen Larson, Prize Coordinator
Betty Laur, Hospitality Chair
Steve Hoskins, Club Photographer



Richard Zabriskie will continue as Assistant Hunt Master.

SPECIAL AWARDS

RECOGNITION AWARD TO OUTGOING OFFICERS



A big thank you goes out to our outgoing officers! GCTC clocks handcrafted from coil covers with silver coins and wheat pennies to designate the hours were presented to **Gail Hoskins** for her service as treasurer from 1998 to 2006 and to **Kurt Herring** for his service as president in 2005 and 2006. Brass plates on the clocks denoted their services. Thanks guys, for years of dedicated service and commitment to our club!

SPECIAL THANKS

FOR HOSTING A CLUB HUNT IN 2006

A marble paperweight was presented to **John Lobota, Karen Larson, John Presslein, Stacey deLucia, Richard Zabriskie, Ben Smith** and **Bob Smirnow** for hosting a club hunt. **Kurt Herring** was presented a marble pen set for hosting three club hunts in 2006.



Not pictured Stacey deLucia and Ben Smith

DONATIONS

Door prizes for all members in attendance were made possible by donations. These donations were either hand crafted or bought. The GCTC extends a special thanks to these individuals for making this possible – **Karen Larson, Cheryl Petenbrink, Steve and Gail Hoskins, Jerry Turner, Marilyn Smith** and **Linda Bennett**. The five children attending were presented with stockings stuffed with toys or treasure boxes with old coins.

BIRTHDAYS

December birthday celebrants **Tom Snell** and **Carol Presslein** both received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday, gang!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Don Caplinger (1/13)
Jerry Felton (1/17)
Geraldine Frost (1/10)
Sheila Megibow (1/6)
Jack Petenbrink (1/15)
Joseph Richiuso
Nina Smith (1/13)
Irving Smith (1/21)
Wayne Stephens (1/3)
Stella Wheatley (1/24)
Ed Weston (1/25)

What do the above people have in common? If they come to the meeting during their birthday month, they each will receive a gift of a silver quarter!

DESSERT CONTEST

The yummiest part of the Holiday Party was the eye appealing and enticing desserts prepared by the following members who participated in the contest: **Carolyn Presslein** - Banana Split Tort; **Betty Laur** – Pina Colada Cake; **Gerry Frost** – Eggnog Pudding; **Ken Lubinski** – Cheese cake; **Sue Higgins** – Pumpkin Spice Cake; **Stacey deLucia** – Pomegranate and Raspberry Jello Salad; **Mitzi Bergrud** – Rum Pecan Cake; and **Stella Wheatley** – Strawberry Pretzel Cake.

Congratulations to the Winners!



FIRST PLACE KEN LUBINSKI



SECOND PLACE MITZI BERGRUD



THIRD PLACE STACEY deLUCIA

*The club thanks **Jan Smirnow** for organizing the contest and **Gay Konnagon** for assisting Jan with the setup and counting of votes.*

DUBIOUS AWARDS

Winners of these awards were nominated by their fellow members for their actions during club events.

- **Jerry Laur** received the “Early Award” for arriving before 4 p.m. at Boynton Beach for the “Hunt from Hell” held by **Linda Bennett** that he had to pay the admittance fee to enter!
- **Marilyn Smith** received the Award for being a “Fantastic Dancer” after she demonstrated her talents on the Bahamas trip with a young man.
- **Irving Smith** and **Les Batts** received this year’s “Aerobic Awards” (these men defy the rule of “swing your coil slowly” – despite their speed, they always find A LOT of goodies).
- **Ken Lubinski** received the “Winner of the Most Poker Games Award.” The Myrtle Beach group played poker every night – Linda did not play, she read. At one point she had to wonder just what the stakes were when Ken took his shirt off; turned out he was just too warm!
- **Richard Zabriskie** received a large package of straws for having had such a difficult time at a local restaurant obtaining one. “They told me that they did not have any!” Now he has his own personal supply.
- **Stacey deLucia** received a huge pitcher for her coughing attack at the Daytona Beach Shootout – the waiter would not bring her any water to help her out – now she can carry her own!
- **Karen Larson** interrupted the presentation of awards by awarding to **Linda Bennett** a special gift for being a little lacking in the services provided during the Myrtle Beach Hunt (i.e. Linda baked cookies every night for the group, but refused to serve them. Even being called “Bunny Linda” didn’t encourage her. So it was decided that she probably felt unprepared to serve). Linda was presented a white furry Boa, a Tiara of matching white feathers and several serving trays for the next time!

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

For the 11th consecutive year, GCTC members demonstrated their commitment to our community. Members donated a record total of **\$475** to benefit **The Children s Place at Home Safe**, a haven for abused, neglected and abandoned children. In addition, throughout the year members collected cell phones and ink cartridges to raise money for the club, as well as unwanted prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses which will benefit the Lion’s Club of South Florida.

Thank you to everyone who participated!