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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. MARCH 12
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

MARCH MEETING – THE SILENT AUCTION!

Our annual Silent Auction is your opportunity to bid on some fantastic items and score super bargains! It is also your chance to unload items you no longer want or need, all to benefit the GCTC. Here's how it works: Members go through their closets, metal detecting bag and garage in search of items they no longer need or want. Bring them to the March 12th meeting for our Silent Auction where one person's "trash" becomes someone else's "treasure!" Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, books, videos, DVDs, CDs, tools, household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, coins, display cases, sports equipment, hobby items, gems and minerals, etc. If in doubt about the appropriateness of an item that you wish to donate, e-mail **Stacey deLucia**: sdeLuc823@aol.com. (Volunteers to set up are needed and appreciated. Please come to the clubhouse by 6:30 p.m. to help.)

Thanks go to **Les** and **Marilyn Batts** for volunteering to bring Refreshments and to **Gary McNew** who will try to stump us with a Mystery Item. Bring ALL the items you find for the Tall Tales Table. You could win a silver quarter! Also, this is your LAST CHANCE to win the **Bull's Eye Pinpointer** raffle! Only a few spaces remain. A winner WILL be called by the end of the meeting.

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. Won't YOU join us? Meet in the back room of PA BBQ at 5:30 p.m. (Dutch treat.)

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

*Please don't forget to return books, DVDs and tapes that
you checked out from the library last month!*

MARCH CLUB HUNT

The next club hunt will be on Sunday, March 15 at Camp Oklawaha, a Boy Scout camp located in Sebastian, Florida. We have not hunted this site since 2005. During previous hunts, old American coins were found. The hunt time will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Meet at the camp parking lot by 8:45 a.m. for a briefing.

Be sure to bring plenty of water and lunch. No open toe shoes or flip flops. There is a swimming pond area for those who would like to water hunt. No pets are allowed in camp, even on a leash.

The user fee is waived because we are doing a service project for the camp and our primary purpose is the removal of trash and unsafe metal objects. You will be given a trash bag to collect trash that you dig up or come across. All trash will be gathered and photographed at the end of the day and the results will be shown to the ranger.

Directions to the camp will be provided at the meeting.

Contact Linda Bennett with any questions.

Some members who are participating in the TCAS sponsored competition (see below) are planning on spending the weekend in the area.

TCAS 22TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. Multiple hunts will be held. The entry fee of \$75 includes all three hunts and lunch. Hunt applications will be available at the next GCTC meeting.

For further information regarding the hunt contact **Mitch King**, Hunt Coordinator at mking11@earthlink.net

OR

www.geocities.com/tcas_club/tcasbenefithunt.htm

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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 & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! See my 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 Frank and Pauline Nash. 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.

STACEY deLUCIA - selling never used, NEW Singer Commercial Grade Sewing Machine, CG-590: 18 built-in stitch patterns, 4 step buttonhole, motor is 60% stronger than standard machine, faster speed - up to 1,100 stitches per minute, free arm, stainless steel bed plate, automatic needle. Includes carrying case, a special ruffler & Singer Essentials "Side Cutter" to trim away excess fabric as you sew. Paid \$425. **Reduced!** Club member price: \$285. E-mail: sdeLuc823@aol.com or call 561-687-2310.

JERRY LAUR - Stainless Steel Colt 45 cal Pistol: 800; Stainless Steel Ruger Mark II, 22 cal pistol: \$500; Minelab Explorer metal detector with extra books: \$800; Whites DFX metal detector with extra books: \$800. All items are like new with little use. Call Jerry @ 561-694-7963 8AM to 8PM.

RALPH SQUIER/BRENDA DICKERSON - Cast aluminum patio table with glass top and chairs for \$110. Two 19 inch TV's - \$20 each. Call 561-737-0539.

NEED TO STRETCH YOUR GROCERY DOLLAR?

There are two food programs with local host sites that offer *substantial savings* on high-quality food packages. These non-profit, volunteer-run programs offer nutritious fresh fruits, vegetables and frozen meats at deeply discounted prices. Both offer a variety of specialty packages that include steaks, poultry, pastas, etc. There are no income or eligibility requirements. If you eat food, you qualify. **SHARE Florida Food Network:** www.shareflorida.org – click on “Menu” in left column. **Angel Food Ministries:** www.angelfoodministries.com – click on “this month’s menu” in right column for info.

Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. 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 – IRVING SMITH *Diamond Ring*



BEST SILVER – FRANK NASH *Silver Bracelet*



MOST UNUSUAL – JIM SHARP *Surfer Key*



COSTUME JEWELRY – PETER MADURI *Jade Buddha*



BEST COIN – FRANK NASH *1942 Silver Quarter*



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

Gold – Frank Nash (Gold Bracelet)

Silver – Jim Sharp (Ring)

Most Unusual – Les Batts (Mouth Piece)

Best Costume – Gary Spiroch (Peace Pendant)

Best Coin – Jim Sharp (1956 Wheat Penny)

ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

1 oz Silver Round – **Ralph Squier**

KOA Thermos – **Nikolay Malchev**

Kellyco Towel – **Jerry Laur**

Metal Detecting Pouch – **Marilyn Smith**

Trowel – **Irving Smith**

Bob Lappin CD – **Elayne Lynch**

KFC Coupon – **Jerry Laur**

Papa John's Coupon – **Irving Smith**

Two Lottery Tickets – **Ken Lubinski and Jim Sharp**

Flannigan's Drink Cozy – **Tom Lieberman**

Clinique Makeup – **Ken Lubinski**

Elizabeth Arden Lip Rouge – **Marilyn Smith**

Clinique Skin Supplies for Men – **Linda Bennett**

Coffee – **Tom Lieberman, Irving Smith and Marilyn Smith**

Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors:
Elayne Lynch – lottery tickets; **Kellyco** – Towel; **Palm Beach Pops** – Bob Lappin CD; **John Lobota** – KFC Coupon and Papa John's coupon; **Gary Spiroch** – Millstone Coffee; **Nick Mosca** – Make up products; **Daytona KOA** – KOA thermos; **Stacey deLucia** – Flannigan's Drink Cozy.

50/50 DRAWING

Guest **Brenda Dickinson** won \$59 for her share of the 50/50 drawing. *Congrats, Brenda!!!*

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2009 AS OF FEBRUARY

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 742.33

PLATINUM: 5

GOLD: 21

SILVER: 31

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$ 1,852.87

FEBRUARY MEETING

Fifty-nine members and seven guests enjoyed a lively presentation from **Nick Mosca** of the South Florida Treasure Hunter's Club. Nick, a Hollywood, FL jeweler, is a diamond and colored stone expert with a reputation for being fair and honest, which is why many SFTHC members flock to him to sell their scrap gold!

Some of the Highlights of Nick's presentation:

- If you don't *need* the money, hold onto your gold, as Nick predicted it would go up in value.
- Never under-estimate your gold's value! There are a lot of gold purchasing scams out there in which you'd be lucky to get 50% of the value of your gold.
- If you use a gold refinery, make sure you separate your gold by karats (10k, 14k, 18k, etc.), then watch them do the assay and by all means, do not mail your gold to a refinery!
- Nick explained the difference between diamonds and Moissanite. Diamonds have flaws and carbon, whereas Moissanite is perfectly clear and is "doubly reflective." If you draw a black mark on a piece of paper, a diamond held over it will not show the mark, but Moissanite will.
- Don't melt your silver coins or make them into jewelry. You'll lose the value of the coin.
- Remodeling old jewelry will decrease the value.
- Be careful with stones that you can't see through, such as emeralds, lapis, opals and pearls. These stones are very sensitive, so rub them on your forehead for your body's natural oils - or oil them with olive oil. How to care for pearls? WEAR THEM! If not worn, pearls will dry out and peel.
- Diamond settings should be checked yearly.

Thank you to the **Joanne** and **Joe Keeley** for bringing such yummy refreshments.

MYSTERY ITEM

New members, especially, wonder - WHAT is a Mystery Item? Each month one club member volunteers to help 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 bring ALL your finds - you might just win a prize! Sorry gang...the person supplying the mystery item does not get the silver quarter if they stump the club. But they DO receive a free door prize ticket for their effort!

Tom Lieberman fooled everyone with an iPod ear bud/speaker. He also added an extra stumper of cigarettes with metal inserts. He was planning to award two silver dimes to anyone who had that bonus item. Alas, no one had either item. You stumped us all, Tom!

BIRTHDAYS

February birthday celebrants **Carmelo Basilico, Glenn Gamble, Joanne Keeley, Pauline Nash, Peter Maduri, Cheryl Petenbrink, Marilyn Smith and Mindy Spiroch** each received a gold Presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month.

Happy Birthday, gang!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Guy Bachman (3/28)
Marilyn Batts (3/14)
Marjorie Hamlin (3/15)
Joe Keeley (3/19)
Nikolay Machev (3/14)
Rumy Malchev (3/30)
Radina Malchev (3/30)
Heather McNew (3/5)
Warren Megibow (3/14)
Jason Petenbrink (3/2)
John Presslein (3/9)
Barbara Sharp (3/2)
Sarah Sommers (3/13)
Bev Warnke

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 gold Presidential dollar!

PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Buddy up with a friend to work the hard spots on the beach. Areas such as hills, weed lines and trashy spots are seldom hunted because it takes too much time. Working as a team takes less time. If you have help, you'll cover more ground and one of you just might find something that others have missed!

TALL TALES

Frank Nash is an airline pilot who shared that he uses his free time on layovers at exotic places in the Caribbean to metal detect. His gold coins and nice jewelry have been on display at the club and won awards for Best Finds in the monthly and yearly categories.

John Presslein told of a fearful woman he encountered while metal detecting on the beach. She had a knee replacement and was very concerned that his metal detector would harm her implant.

SCENES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING



**Speaker
Nick Mosca**



MONTHLY BEST FINDS WINNERS



Irving Smith



Frank Nash



Peter Maduri



Jim Sharp

HAVE DETECTOR WILL TRAVEL

Bob Dobski is seeking a roommate to share hotel expenses at the Great Southern Beach Shootout in April. The cost for two nights will be \$100/person (not including taxes). Call Bob at 561-265-0437 or 989-245-0110. E-mail address is kb8wjf2@yahoo.com

Jimmy Chodan invites anyone who will visit the state of New York during the spring, summer or fall to come hunt with him. He lives 100 miles north of New York City on the Connecticut-Massachusetts border. If you will be in the area, give him a call at 518-567-8168.

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!

Repeat Ambassador



Pauline Nash
Returned a Wedding Ring



Steve Hoskins
Returned a Wedding Ring



Pauline Nash was able to return a wedding band to a man who lost it in his yard while playing with his son. A nice letter was written expressing his thanks.



Steve Hoskins found a lost wedding ring in a bag of trash that was to be taken away in a day or two.



CHALLENGE LEVELS

Level 4

(Certificate and Silver Half Dollar)



Stacey deLucia

MEMBER TIPS

Jim Sharp advised everyone to be extremely careful around water; gators *have* been known to attack!



Irving Smith shows off the vast collection of keys he has found over the years with his metal detector.

CLUB DIRECTORY

The directory is for the personal use of members only. Names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are to be used only for contact within the club. If there are any errors or omissions, notify **Jan Smirnow**: 561-735-8921.

NEW MEMBERS

Ralph Squier and Brenda Dickerson
1832 Banyan Creek Cir North
Boynton Beach, FL 33436
561-737-0539

2009 CLUB DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

Jan Smirnow collects cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC. Jan is also collecting pull tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please SAVE yours and give to Jan! Note from Jan: "Thanks to our members for donating those ink cartridges for the club. It really helps our kitty. However, please note that only the real cartridges purchased from office supply stores qualify for us to sell. Generic ink cartridges are not accepted. Again, thanks for those donations and keep them coming."

Stacey deLucia is still collecting prescription glasses and sunglasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida.

John Lobota will accept 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 the metal content. All cash raised will help to replenish our treasury, so please see John to donate! Don't let all that digging go to waste!

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**, who will make sure your donation goes to the right place! **Thanks to everyone who helps!**

DONATION THANKS

Thanks to **Pete Schneider** and **Jimmy Chodan** for their donations of foreign coins. Also thanks to **Ken Lubinski** for four rolls of wheat pennies.

COSTS TO PRINT U.S. CURRENCY

Penny costs \$1.67
Paper note costs 6.2 cents
Dime costs almost a nickel
A nickel costs almost a dime

HAPPY TIDBITS

Congratulations to **Tom Dankowski** and his wife **Mei** for the birth of their daughter **Christi Marie** on January 12, 2009.

Tom is a dynamic speaker on the science behind the hobby of metal detecting and has presented at our club in the past. Visit Tom's website for loads of information.

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

BURIED COIN CACHE FIRST CLUE

I am buried in a playground located in a small park in the Palm Springs area.

Item buried is a small vitamin container 2 3/4" long and 1 1/2" in diameter. It is placed in a Ziploc® bag.



Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Linda Bennett**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25 AND earn the right to bury the next cache! **Good luck everyone! Start digging! Be sure to fill all holes!**

7th GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT APRIL 3-5, 2009

Held every year in Daytona Beach, Florida, the GSBS has quickly become known as the world's largest and best 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! Just ask **Jan Smirnow** how great it is! She won **\$5,000** there last year! Information and application forms will be available at the next meeting.

CHECK OUT THIS SITE:

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

MEMBER TIP

Jan Smirnow has required services of a lawyer during the past two years. The newsletter will not go into the details, but we're sure she would be glad to share her stories. Yes, *stories*. Jan says **Carmen Leon**, Esquire, can be reached at 561-498-5366.

Bob Dobski recommends signing up for the free newsletter on Lost Treasure Magazine Online. Click on the "Free Newsletter" link, which is found on the upper right hand corner of the website:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember the Jim Warnke Memorial Hunt and Picnic on Sunday March 8 at 9 am. Call Linda for directions. Also, change your clocks - springs forward at 2 am on Sunday.

March 12, 2009: Silent Auction Club Meeting

March 14, 2009: TCAS Hunt

March 15, 2009: Boy Scout Camp Hunt

April 3-5, 2009: Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach

August Meeting: What to Do with Your Finds Contest

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Thanks to the following contributors:

Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia,

Jan Smirnow and Paul Hamlin

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