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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE **7:30 P.M. AUGUST 14**
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

As mentioned in July's newsletter and during the July meeting, we have something new planned for the **August 14th** meeting. Our first "**Treasure Hunting Flea Market,**" which translates into great bargains for everyone, an opportunity for members to transform no-longer needed items into fast cash AND it will serve as a fundraiser for our club! Members are encouraged to go through their treasure hunting supplies and see what they no longer need or want. Over time most of us have accumulated extra metal detectors, scoops, digging tools, pouches, carrying cases, pin pointers, treasure hunting-related books/magazines, display cases, etc. Why not clean out that closet and save yourself the hassle and expense of selling on eBay or Craigslist? Since this is a *Treasure Hunting Flea Market*, gold panning, rock hounding and similar supplies are also welcome! All we ask is that sellers donate a small percentage of all sales to the GCTC: Items \$200 and less: 10%; items over \$200, only 5%. Also, each seller is expected to set up and put away his/her own table, have a sign with his/her name visible on the table and price mark each item. This way you can check out *other* tables and not be chained to yours! Thank you in advance to **Tom Lieberman** for volunteering to provide the Mystery Stumper item and to **Linda Bennett** for once again providing refreshments for our annual August Ice Cream Social.!

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

Catch up with friends, old and new over dinner in the back room of PA BBQ at 5:30 p.m. (Dutch treat!)

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

INDEPENDENT HUNT

Ben Smith has obtained a household appliance to dismantle - and hide pieces of - for us to find. Ben will plant twenty-six pieces of a large household appliance on August 7. Six pieces are of a larger component and are wrapped in duct tape. All items will be painted florescent orange/red. There will be other stuff planted, but those items should not resemble parts of an appliance. A silver dollar will be awarded to the person who has the most pieces of the appliance and who can also name that appliance.

These items will be planted at **Carlin Park** behind the Civic Center on the beach. The Civic Center is on the north side of the beach. The north boundary is a bright orange stick/marker on the dune. The south boundary is the wooden pole of the rope fence on the dune. 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!*

SCAVENGER HUNT

It's time for our summer scavenger hunt. Summer isn't a popular time for planted hunts - it's just *too hot!* Also, some club members are snow birds and others disappear on summer vacations. What to do? Keep track of **all** your finds and mark them off of the scavenger hunt list, provided inside on page seven. Bring the list and those items found from July 10 through September 11 to the September 11th meeting. The top three scavengers will win prizes. *Have fun gang!*

TREASURER'S REPORT
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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! The new five-sided scoops are available. See my website: www.rtgstore.com. For member discount, you'll have to go to the store to buy the scoop.

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.

JOHN SILLING – KollectAll V8! Software to catalogue anything and everything you collect. K8! has over 40 collectibles templates including the Treasure and Water Treasure hunter. K8! is an EZ way to inventory all your finds. Go to Collectiblessoftware.com to download a 30-day try-before-you-buy copy! Special GCTC member pricing, only \$10.00 per copy with all proceeds going to the club treasury. See **Ken Lubinski** to buy your copy!

JERRY LAUR – FOR SALE: Hard-bed cover for short-bed truck. New in Jan. Paid over \$800. Will sell for \$450. Call 694-7963.

STACEY DELUCIA – FOR SALE! White's Surf Master PI Pro with **BRAND NEW** 9.5" *weighted* coil, new housing box and battery pack. Great for diving! Goes DEEP! **Mint!** New 90-day transferable warranty. \$450. Call 561-687-2310 or email sdeLuc823@aol.com

ERNIE BOUYOUCAS – Minelab X-Terra 70, 3 coils and a modified environmental cover for easy-on-easy-off. Used 1 year. \$575. Call 968-1892.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV – Would like to trade my Minelab Excalibur for a Fisher CZ-20. Call 309-1124.

*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.*

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

1 oz Silver Bar – **Jim Sharp**

TH Book – **Jim Sharp**

Trowel and Holder – **Chris Reed**

Ring Sizer – **Nikolay Malchev**

Ring Holder – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

Magnifying Glass – **Radina Malchev**

Angel Alert – **Elayne Lynch**

\$5 Gas Lottery/Sunflower Seeds – **Nikolay Malchev**

\$5 Gas Lottery/Sunflower Seeds – **Paul Hamlin**

Lottery Scratch off Ticket – **Linda Bennett**

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*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: **Jan Smirnow** donated the TH Book; Angel Alert box by **Paul Hamlin**; \$5 gas lottery cards and Sunflower seeds by **Elayne Lynch**; trowel and pouch by **Linda Bennett** and two scratch off lottery tickets by **Ben Smith**.*

Remember - you receive a FREE door prize ticket if you bring a guest, display your monthly finds on the Tall Tales Table, provide refreshments for the meeting or volunteer to bring the mystery item - that *potentially* adds up to **four free** tickets for the door prizes drawings!

MYSTERY ITEM

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 half-dollar! So bring ALL your finds - you might just win a prize! Sorry gang...the person supplying the mystery item does not get the silver half-dollar if they stump the club. But they DO receive a free door prize ticket for their effort.

Cheryl Petenbrink tried hard to fool everyone this past month, but failed to stump **Tom Lieberman**, who had a matching ponytail holder! Tom won a silver half dollar.

Remember to bring ALL the items you find each month! You never know what will be that month's mystery item!

50/50 DRAWING

Ken Lubinski won \$33 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats Ken!

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – TOM LIEBERMAN

14 KT GOLD BRACELET

Picture withheld by
request

BEST SILVER – JASON PETENBRINK

SILVER NECKLACE WITH STONE

Picture withheld by
request

MOST UNUSUAL – TOM LIEBERMAN

DEATH TAG



COSTUME JEWELRY – JACK PETEBRINK

RING WITH STONES



BEST COIN – JIM SHARP

1917 D BUFFALO HEAD NICKEL



JULY MEETING

Our July meeting opened with 33 members and three guests in attendance. A warm welcome goes out to our new members **Gary and Heather McNew!**

Before the program, Hunt Master **Linda Bennett** gave a brief talk on the importance of learning to probe when metal detecting in parks. Just recently, a club member was told by a county sheriff that she could not metal detect in any of the county parks of Palm Beach County. In response, Linda called the Parks and Recreation Department and found out that you CAN metal detect in the parks and you CAN probe for a buried item - but you just CANNOT dig a hole! Most of the public parks within the state of Florida have written into their regulations that digging holes is not permitted. Metal detecting is typically not mentioned. Many do not enforce this section. Recently, however, Orange County (Orlando) parks went to a permit system which only allows recovery of an object with use of a probe.

The outdoor program tested members' skills against the masterminds of **Ken Lubinski** and **Linda Bennett**. **Ken** had 14 camera canisters each holding a different item commonly found while metal detecting. These objects varied from a gold ring to a bottle cap. Club members used their metal detectors to determine what that item was. **Linda** helped members learn how to find their coil's center and accurately use a probe to find a quarter taped to the back of construction paper. Many members decided that beach hunting was easier.



Paul and Marjorie Hamlin must have spent the *entire* week prior to our July meeting in their kitchen cooking up wonderful goodies, including Hawaiian Wedding and Almond Joy Cakes – the calories were definitely worth it! Good job and thanks you two!

CHALLENGE LEVELS



Jim Sharp

Completed Level 1 and Level 2

Received Certificates, Indian Head Penny and Silver Dime

Good Will Ambassador 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, thereby advancing our hobby and putting our club in a positive light!

First Time Ambassadors



Della Miller

Returned a Cell Phone

Carmelo Basilio

Returned a Gold Bracelet

TALL TALES

Carmelo Basilio received a loaf of bread as his reward for returning a gold bracelet to the owner.

Stacey deLucia spent two hours on Palm Beach searching for a 14 kt gold engagement ring with diamonds for a tourist. Unfortunately she was not successful, but hopes her efforts will translate into good karma!

JASON'S TIP

When you hit "honey holes" on the beach, *concentrate* on those areas, dig up *all* your signals and once you get all your goodies, set your detector to "all metal mode" and go *back over* the area again. By putting it in "all metal," your detector will go deeper and you will find more goodies!

MEMBER TIPS

Nikolay Malchev – use Simichrome (purchased from The Mineshaft in Pompano) for shining up finds like new.

Cheryl Petenbrink – To make a vest with pockets to use for metal detecting, check out the following website to get free instructions:

www.coatsandclark.com/Crafts/Sewing/Projects/Accessories/CS0044+Travel+Vest.htm

Linda Bennett – For rules and regulations for various states and cities, check the following website:

<http://www.municode.com/Resources/OnlineLibrary.asp>

LIGHTS OUT!

Remember, many Florida beaches that we hunt allow NO lights at night during turtle nesting and hatching season. This means no headlights or flashlights!

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember members who aren't able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger** and **Elayne Lynch**. The club also expresses sympathy to **Jan Smirnow** in the loss of her sister after an extended illness.

HAPPY TIDBITS

Jason Petenbrink was recognized in the August issue of Western and Eastern Magazine for a gold ring he found. His recognition was in the "Club News and Views" column written by **Dick Stout**. WTG, Jason!

The GCTC was also mentioned in the same column for our club's monthly dinner outings before the meeting. In fact, the GCTC has received a lot of positive recognition nationally. Even out-of-state nonmembers say they look forward to reading our club newsletter because of all the exciting things we have going on. New member **Bruce Marta** (AKA **Chi Town Bruce** on the forums, who lives year round in Chicago) discovered our club via the forums. He reports that he's been following our online newsletters and decided to JOIN! Bruce and his daughter Megan plan to attend our August meeting.

July birthday celebrants **Linda Bennett**, **Betty Laur**, **Tammy Lobota** and **Ben Smith** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Al Bergrud (8/17)
Stacey deLucia (8/23)
Steven Hoskins (8/9)
Philip Hujar (8/5)
James Sharp (8/29)
Jonathan Silling (8/14)

If the above people come to the meeting during their birthday month, each will get a silver quarter.

PULL TAB CONTEST

Have you bought YOUR guesses yet? If not, what are you waiting for? **Ken Lubinski** personally counted a gigantic container full of pull tabs so we could have a contest that would be a fun fundraiser. Members and guests are invited to donate \$1 per guess, for as many guesses as they wish. The person who guesses the exact number - or closest to it – **will win \$100!** No one but Ken will know what guesses have been entered until the end of the contest. See Ken at the next meeting to buy your tickets! YOU could win a portrait of Ben Franklin!

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

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NEW INFO - RECYCLING & DONATIONS

For years, you've been bringing cell phones, ink cartridges and prescription glasses to the meetings for recycling. THANK YOU, everyone! **Jan Smirnow** will continue to collect cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC and **Stacey deLucia** will continue to collect prescription glasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida. We now have a *new* opportunity to help our community that won't cost a cent:

PROJECT HOPELINE

Hopeline, a phone recycling program that benefits abused women, accepts phone accessories, batteries, and *even broken phones* for parts. Our phone recycling program is a bit pickier, so some donations are unusable. Now you can bring in *any* phone or accessory, even water-logged ones! They won't go to waste. Those that Jan can sell will benefit GCTC; Stacey will bring the rest to a Hopeline drop-off to benefit abused women.

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008 AS OF AUGUST 2008

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2,448.51
PLATINUM: 3
GOLD: 62
SILVER: 188

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

DONATION THANKS

A **BIG** thank you goes to **Paul and Marjorie Hamlin** for their cash donation at the July meeting!

Wanda DeVary, AKA Mumzie from the TreasureNet Forum, donated a DVD of photos that she took at the Great Southern Beach Shootout in Daytona in April 2008. Many of our members are featured on this DVD, which offers an inside look at the GSBS. See **Cheryl Petenbrink** to check out this new addition to our library and other interesting treasures! **(Please return in a timely fashion.)**

INTERNET SITES

Shipwrecks of Florida

http://www.electricbluefishing.com/eb_sub_menu/shipwrecks_of_florida.htm

Florida East Coast Shipwreck Project Index of 2000 Season Report

<http://www.imacdigest.com/2000rep/2000Rep.html>

WORTHLESS MD'ING GADGET SURVEY

What tool or gadget have you bought to make your hunts more successful only to discover that it was absolute crap? Email **Linda Bennett** at labennettuk@yahoo.com with details about your *most worthless* MD'ing gadget that you *thought* you just couldn't live without - until you bought it and actually used it. Survey results will be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Should be a fun read!

CORP OF ENGINEERS ALLOW DETECTING

The Army Corps of Engineers recognizes and allows metal detecting as a legal recreational sport on their lands nationwide. You can download that Corps permission off **Keith Wills'** personal site at www.brokendetector.com.

This nationwide policy was set up in March 1989 after much work between Keith and the Corps chiefs in Washington, D.C. It is recommended to print a copy of this permission and take it when visiting Corps properties. This is advisable due to the greater number of temporary rangers the Corps hires in the summer months to help meet the demand of an influx of visitors. Temporary rangers may not be aware of the nationwide policy regarding detectorists and it is always helpful to have a copy of the policy to show them, just to be safe.

If you encounter a problem with a Corps ranger, don't argue; you won't win. Simply see the Project Office closest to where you're hunting and ask to speak with the director of the Project area. He/she should be aware of the policy concerning detectorists and should correct any problems you encounter. However, if the project office is not helpful, then let Keith Wills know about it, including the date, time and names of all involved parties.

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Ernie Bouyoucas – I was in Virginia from July 8th thru July 13th. The weather was a balmy 85 degrees, unlike the 22 degrees I endured while hunting in January. The soil was still clay-laden, making digging difficult at best. I was hunting with 2 members of the local metal detecting club at a Union Cavalry encampment in Warrenton, Virginia. I found parts of 3 horseshoes with nails still attached. The other members of the group found 1 bullet, 1 button and several percussion caps. Not a lot of finds, but something. This same area has produced many bullets, some coins, buttons and a breastplate for members of the local club.

Linda Bennett – I traveled to Kentucky for family visits. I have a long list of places I wanted to detect, but alas, didn't. Family obligations always come first. My husband, noting my frustration, did plant some quarters and my birthday present in his brother's flower bed for me to find. I found the quarters easily, but he had buried a gold chain which my metal detector couldn't register. Fortunately he remembered where he had buried it.

Stacey deLucia – I went to Virginia Beach for two weeks, from June 25 – July 9th, to help my sister-in-law, who was recovering from a hip replacement AND to metal detect with my brother, Mike, and the rest of the "Virginia Beach Pirates." This is a die-hard group of hunters! If low tide was at 4 AM, for example, we would have to be AT the oceanfront by 2 AM. Our plan would be to leave by 6 AM, allowing two hours on either side of the low tide. That timeline would go out the window as soon as someone (usually my brother) started finding targets. A few times, we were out there stumbling around for HOURS, delirious from lack of sleep, but determined to find gold. One night/morning I landed a large men's 14 kt gold band. That made my day because I landed the *first* gold of the night. Then my brother landed FIVE rings, three of them gold. One was 22 kt! Later, as the sun rose, we saw dolphins playing and three to four WHALES swimming in a line, not far off shore! That was a treasure!

My brother had to work during the week, but I got to go out a few times during the week with some Surf Pirate friends, known on the treasure forums as Sanddigger (Ina), David from Suffolk, Tony from Tidewater and Va Bch Max. I enjoyed a few hours hunting in the beautiful York River with Ina, Max and David, after a nice lunch at the Yorktown Pub. Other trips included hunting in the Chesapeake Bay or at the oceanfront. It was a good time.



<http://www.findmall.com/read.php?26,770494,770494#msg-770494>

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**. *Thank you to our newest member, Bruce Marta, for his donation of a number of foreign coins!*

TEXAS LION'S CAMP HUNT

This year's hunt was held on June 18 and 19 in Kerrville, which is where the Texas Lion's Camp for Disabled Children is located. The 12th annual hunt was hosted by **Keith Wills** with volunteers from Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and Austin area clubs.

Tables and displays were set up and twelve new Garrett Ace 150 metal detectors (donated by Garrett) were ready for use. One of the detectors had been modified with a light to allow deaf children to participate without any problem! Volunteers were paired with each child to help instruct and assist in retrieving the buried foreign coins.

Even though this hunt was only two days long, the counselors were also taught how to use the metal detectors, because more foreign coins will be buried for all groups attending the camp this summer. The children are allowed to keep some of the foreign coins and that is why foreign coins are needed every summer. If you would like to participate in a future two-day hunt, let Linda know. Volunteers are always welcome! The date is usually set in April. Below are pictures taken at the camp.



THE GREATEST HONOR IN MY LIFE

By: Keith Wills

As a treasure hunter, I know what it is like to get lucky and make a rare great find that I will never forget. I have done just that several times in my life. Yet it has always been my belief that my friends I discovered along the way was and is in fact my greatest find of all. I still believe in that, but the last 12 years I have had the honor of working with so many children that are both campers of the Texas Lion's Camp for Disabled Children and those kids that were not. I will always remember their faces and the joy I saw in them while experiencing for the first time the fine sport of recreational treasure hunting. Not real sure I can put into words the many years of experiences I have been honored to witness working with these many kids, knowing that through this 12-year program we have changed the lives of so many kids that thought they would never enjoy and experience an outdoor activity as other children do everyday. I can only suggest to every hobbyist out there that you seek such an arena or camp close to you and do the same; start a program to help our kids, our future. Take just a little time out of your daily lives to share with others who need you and your experiences, help build that individual esteem in those kids' lives and assure them that they can do whatever they set their hearts on in their lives and they can accomplish those goals they set for themselves.

I want to sincerely thank my friends that have supported me and the kids every step of the way, you know who you are. Without you all it would have been an impossible dream and not a reality these past twelve years at the Camp. I'm fully aware that friends like you do not come to us every day, so I wish God's blessings on each one of you. Yes, I'm also including those of you that gave so many foreign coins on behalf of that program for these kids so it would continue for its twelfth year; thank you my friends. Those of you that donated metal detectors over the years for the Camp's program and especially you wonderful folks that take time out to attend, work with and experience the many children of the Camp each year, you are the backbone of the program and have made my dreams come true. Losing my father and mother two weeks apart last month has made me realize how precious life is and how little time we have on earth to share our lives with others. *Thank you with all my heart, Keith Wills.*

P.S. the website: www.wwats.org has a photo album of this year's 2008 visit of the Kids Camp, hope you all take time out to visit it and see the wonderful joy on the kids faces. God Bless.....



LEGISLATURE ALERT

From Mark Schuessler FMDAC ALLIANCE LIAISON

Your action is needed toward two bills that may come up for a vote before congress takes its summer break in early August. These bills have already passed the house and will proceed to the senate.

www.fmdac.org/orgindex.html

The first is S3213. It is a huge omnibus bill, which includes the National Landscape Conservation System. This bill passed in the house and is now in the Senate. There are over 90 bills combined into one big mess. This bill will take over 26 million acres of both government and even private lands and place it under national park style regulations. Many new parks and scenic areas would be created. This for a system that already cannot manage what it has. In order to manage this system it will add untold millions to the budget and that money comes right out of our pockets. Feinstein wants to add another 6 million acres to it.

It will eventually eliminate many multiple uses that are now allowed as the lands are gradually turned into parks and roads eliminated. Public use activities such as grazing, mining, prospecting, off-roading, and even hiking will disappear. Any traditional use of this land by any one will be affected. It also includes a number of "National Trails," many of which pass through a lot of private property. The landowners will eventually lose their property along with anyone who falls within any of the boundaries.

Here is the link to the bill. The full bill is over 700 pages. Any bill like this should be opposed. No one can possibly know all that is in it. This is a way of pushing through all kinds of bad legislation that would never stand on its own. It is a travesty that our elected representatives would use these means, but not one bit surprising.

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s110-3213>

Contact your Senators immediately. Tell them to oppose S3213 in no uncertain terms. Here is a link to contact your senators:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

The second item is HR2421. It is titled the Clean Water Restoration Act. Sounds like a winner right? WRONG! This is another wolf in sheep's clothing. It places virtually all water in the nation under the control of the Corp of Engineers and the EPA. It does this by replacing the words "navigable water" with "Waters of the United States" in their jurisdictional requirements. It gives them authority over every piece of water in the US. This includes every lake, swamp, stream, tiny creek and your pond. Along with any activity that affects them. Here is some wording from the bill.

"WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES - The term 'waters of the United States' means all waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, the territorial seas, and all interstate and intrastate waters and their tributaries, including lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sand flats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, natural ponds, and all impoundments of the foregoing, to the fullest extent that these waters, or activities affecting these waters, are subject to the legislative power of Congress under the Constitution."

That's right. They will have control over the pond on your property or that low spot that fills with water during wet times. Look for a whole long list of new regulations and permits to do everything from boating to killing weeds to prospecting. Could this even affect metal detecting and diving? Sooner or later they will probably get to us!

This is another example of the far lefts attempts to take control of private property under the ruse of "protecting" something. They are slowly chipping away at the very freedoms that founded this country. Do not let them succeed. Contact your representative and tell them to oppose this attack on your property rights.

Here's the bill.

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h110-2421>

Here is a link to contact your representative.

<https://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml>

SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

Summer is here once again and you know what that means – our members scatter near and far on their vacations and, for the rest of us, unpredictable weather wreak havoc on planned club hunts. Not to mention that it is just too darn hot! But that doesn't mean the fun must come to an end. If you'd like to be eligible for some nice prizes, such as a gold testing kit and silver coins, then you'll want to participate in the **Summer Scavenger Hunt**. The scavenger hunt will start on July 10 and extend through September 11. Use the list below to check off the items you find while metal detecting. Bring your list and the items you find to the Sept 11th meeting for judging and awarding of prizes. NOTE: An item can only be used *once* for one category check off. For example, a gold bracelet cannot be used for two separate categories of gold (i.e. "non-ring" and "bracelet.") Any item used for the scavenger hunt is also eligible for the different levels of the challenge hunt.

10 Different State Quarters
Watch
Advertising Item
Washer
Key(S)
15 Bottle Caps
Indian Head Penny
Wheat Penny
Silver Coin (Any Denomination)
Foreign Coin (Non-Canadian)
Gold (Non-Ring)
Silver Ring
Gold Ring
Pin (Not Safety)
Religious Item
Bracelet
Metal Car
Metal Airplane
Metal Toy
12 Tokens
Lighter
Tool
Dog Tag
Glasses
Necklace Charm
Hair Barrette
Metal Button
Fishing Weight

Earring
Pencil
15 Foreign Coins
Canadian Quarter
Any Dollar Coin
Costume Ring
Metal Screw
Key Chain
Zipper Pull
Toe Ring
Belly Button Jewelry
Metal Snap (Either Part)
Battery
Ball of Foil
20 Pull Tabs
Colored Pull Tab
Chain
100 Pennies
50 Nickels
Bud Light Cap
Item with Picture
Ring with Stone
Dangle Earring
Bracelet with Stones
Half Dollar
Part from any Appliance
Shell
Plastic Toy