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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. JANUARY 10
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

The New Year is here and that can only mean one thing. That's right! It's time once again for the much anticipated **ANNUAL BEST FINDS CONTEST**. This is one of the highlights of the year, so we hope every member will participate. See **Linda Bennett's** write up about the Best Finds Contest and the various categories and rules on page five of this newsletter.

The January meeting will also feature a fun 2007 Year-in-Review DVD presentation created by **Steve Hoskins**. No one should miss this special premiere viewing. You also won't want to miss your chance to win this month's raffle – a lightning detector! **Ken Lubinski** will have more information about this very cool must-have item on January 10th. Back by popular demand is the second annual contest featuring entries made out of your finds. Nice silver prizes will be awarded in three categories: **Most Creative, Best Display** and **Most Unusual**. Start putting together your entries now. Need ideas? See our website for last year's winning entries. Members are not limited to the number of entries that they can submit.

Thanks in advance to January's Mystery Prize Stumper volunteer, **Mindy Spiroch**, and Refreshment Volunteer **Joanne Keely**.

GET "FRIENDLY" BEFORE THE MEETING

A group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting. Everyone is welcome! This month we will try a **NEW location**. A new Friendly's restaurant has opened on Congress Avenue, midway between Forest Hill Blvd. & 10th Avenue N. in the Publix Shopping Center. It faces Congress and has a big red sign on the roof. When you get there, look for a large table and president **Ernie Bouyoucas'** smiling face. As always, dinners are "Dutch Treat." (So, don't forget your wallet!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Another year is upon us again. I hope the last year was a rewarding year for you all. As in 2007, I hope the coming year will be fruitful and rewarding for all of us in the GCTC and the finds on the tall tales tables continue to awe and amaze us.

One way that I would like to see our club grow is to encourage participation by junior members. Surely some of us have younger children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or cousins who we would like to introduce to the wonderful hobby of metal detecting. Just think of the excitement the child will have when he finds his first coin and the look upon his face when he (or she) digs that first gold ring (actually I'd still like to see what my face will look like). TH'ing can be a wonderful family activity. Try it! As always, keep looking down. **Ernie Bouyoucas**

CLUB T-SHIRTS

Hopefully club t-shirts will be ready by the January meeting. The shirts, which will feature an 8-inch silk-screened club patch on the front, will be crew neck style made out of 50/50 cotton and polyester. Orders were taken September through December. Extras were ordered, however those who did not preorder may not have their choice of color. Cost will be \$12 for small, medium, large and extra large. XX large and larger sizes will be \$15.

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 and used detectors, 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. The new five-sided scoops are now available. See my website. 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 or email: telieberman@aol.com

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FRANK AND PAULINE NASH - Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale at 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.

PAOLA NASH - *Balsamic Vinegar: Introduction to a Mysterious and Centuries-old Italian Vinegar* by Paola Nash. This book is meant to be entertaining and educational. It is not a cookbook! The book's purpose is to educate consumers about balsamic vinegar, a staple now of the American diet. The book will eventually be available at bookstores with a cover price of \$45, but it will be sold for \$36 (20% discount, plus tax) through the club. It presents as a coffee table piece (hard cover, 11x11, great images).

Stacey deLucia – FOR SALE: Stained Glass Studio Supplies. *Everything* you need to learn how to make beautiful stained glass works of art. Stained glass tools and supplies, including glass cutter, breakers, Wizard Diamond Router with splash guard (to smooth glass edges), soldering iron, solder, copper foil, flux, patina, instructional "how-to" books & videos, patterns, pattern books, magazines, grout, TONS of stained glass in all colors, etc. & even a shelving unit to hold it all, if desired. You'll need a strong back and truck to pick it all up. **SACRIFICE: \$350 or best offer.**

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:

Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, John Lobota, Ernie Bouyoucas, Ben Smith, Mitzi Bergrud, John Presslein, Al Dillon and Jan Smirnow.

TREASURE HUNTER OF THE YEAR - 2007

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, third and fourth place winners received a special customized picture frame. The second place winner received a trophy and customized picture frame. The winner received a plaque donated by Kellyco in addition to the customized picture frame. A club trophy on display at every meeting has listed every club Treasure Hunter of the Year since 1990.



Jason's best site to find gold



**JASON PETENBRINK
2007**

TREASURE HUNTER OF THE YEAR



**JASON WITH PLAQUE
DONATED BY KELLYCO**



**PAUL HAMLIN
2ND PLACE**



**BOB SMIRNOW
3RD PLACE**



**JAN SMIRNOW
4TH PLACE**

Photos by Steve Hoskins

DESSERT CONTEST

Our annual Holiday Party was held on December 13th with club members decked out in holiday fashion and chomping at the bit to dig into an array of appealing desserts. The dessert table looked like a smorgasbord of fabulous sweets right out of a dieter's fantasy! Delectable mouth-watering puddings, cream puffs, cookies, pomegranate gelatins, and luscious cakes tempted everyone to try a taste of everything! The winners of the contest - although all participants were winners – were tough to narrow down. We had **four** First Place winners! So the committee had to seek out those who did not vote to get more votes. It wasn't easy! People who did not vote wanted to vote for other favorites, but finally we were able to make a determination. Winners were awarded aprons specially embroidered by **Jan Smirnow**. (Thanks Jan!)

Thanks to **Karen Larson** who helped out on the committee and to all who participated. You all did a great job and showed your culinary skills! (Note from Jan: P.S. - next year the Chairperson will spell "Dessert" properly!)

Congratulations to the Winners!



Betty Laur – 1st Place – Carrot Cake
Gay Konnagan – 2nd Place – Cream Puffs
Marge Hamlin – 3rd Place – Chocolate Cheesecake

*The club thanks **Jan Smirnow** for organizing the contest and **Karen Larson** 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.

- **Ernie Bouyoucas** received a picture frame that captures the moment that he made a “politically incorrect” statement during a hunt. Being a family-oriented club, the comment cannot be printed in our newsletter.
- **Bob Dobski** was awarded a T-shirt that stated “Beware, I am going to get you.” That was his response to an elderly lady’s comment at the beach about hating metal detectors. Great PR!
- **Stacey deLucia**, a perennial recipient, received a package of stick-on tattoos to compliment the tattoo that she got (an Iris on her shoulder) during her trip to VA Beach. Stacey apparently fell under the influence of the VA Beach pirates.
- **Jason Petenbrink** can now wear a T-shirt that answers the question of where he finds his great jewelry - “I found it in the Atlantic Ocean.”
- **Nikolay Malchev** learned how dangerous water hunting can be when he was hit in the head by a surf board. The yellow hardhat that he was awarded should prevent future accidents.
- **Ken Lubinski** also learned about the dangers of water hunting when he lost his scoop in some rough wave action. A tether was presented to him to prevent future scoop loss.
- **Jan and Bob Smirnow** presented **Linda Bennett** with her dubious award of waders and repellents for gators and snakes for the bravery she showed while retrieving an heirloom watch from a lake.

For pictures of the winners with their dubious awards prizes, be sure to see the club website.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

For the 12th consecutive year, GCTC members demonstrated their commitment to our community. During our holiday party, members donated a total of **\$455** to benefit **The Children’s Place at Home Safe**, a haven for abused, neglected and abandoned children. A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated to this important cause!

In addition, throughout the year members collected and donated 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!

HOLIDAY PARTY

50 members and guests attended the holiday party and enjoyed a great catered meal from Sonny's BBQ Restaurant, fantastic homemade desserts and great prizes! A short meeting was held for voting and induction of the officers and board.

OFFICERS FOR 2008

Ernie Bouyoucas, President
Stacey deLucia, Vice President
Ken Lubinski, Treasurer
Jan Smirnow, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2008

Linda Bennett, Hunt Master
Gail Hoskins, Sales and Raffle Promoter
Karen Larson, Prize Coordinator
Betty Laur, Hospitality Chair
Jim Sharp and John Lobota, Membership



Not pictured - John Lobota

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Steve Hoskins, Club Photographer
Cheryl Petenbrink, Librarian
Richard Zabriskie, Assistant Hunt Master

SPECIAL AWARDS

Special Hunt Master awards were presented to **Richard Zabriskie** and **Steve Hoskins**. Richard was recognized for his time and effort as Assistant Hunt Master. Steve provides the club with sharp and detailed pictures that are used in the newsletter and website. In addition to his role as photographer, Steve created a DVD pictorial of highlights of 2007 that was set to music. This DVD was one of the club's many fundraisers.



Kazhie Zabriskie accepting award on Richard's behalf

SPECIAL THANKS

FOR HOSTING A CLUB HUNT IN 2007

Customized picture frames were awarded to **Ben Smith, Ken Lubinski, Betty Laur, Jerry Laur** and **Bob Dobski** for hosting club hunts in 2007.



Not pictured – Ben Smith

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO KURT HERRING



BIRTHDAYS

December birthday celebrants **Al Dillon** 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)
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!

DONATIONS

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

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 2007

The following members had perfect attendance: **Gail Hoskins, Steve Hoskins, Karen Larson, Jerry Laur, Betty Laur, Ken Lubinski, Frank Nash, Cheryl Petenbrink, Bob Smirnow and Jan Smirnow.** This made them eligible for a drawing for a paid 2008 silver hunt entry.



Winner - Gail Hoskins

HOLIDAY TREE RAFFLE WINNER

Ed Weston made another one of his fabulous Holiday Trees and donated it to the club to be raffled off at the Holiday Party. All proceeds will be applied towards the silver hunt. He was recognized for his generous support of the club and the silver hunt. Thanks again, Ed!

Raffle Winner - Barbara Sharp



Paola Nash signing her book, *"Balsamic Vinegar: Introduction to a Mysterious and Centuries-old Italian Vinegar"*



Ed Weston



Bob and Gay Konnagon and Linda Bennett



Jan Smirnow

For more Holiday Party pictures, be sure to see our website.
All Holiday Party Pictures by Steve Hoskins

CLUB HUNT

Join us for a Wild/Old Coin Hunt at the old Sunset Ridge Park in Lake Worth. This is for members and non-members, so invite a friend or family member and bring an extra detector and digger for your guest to use.

There is the possibility of finding old coins and jewelry lost in the park along with several hundred old coins we will bury. Coins will include Wheaties, Indians Head pennies, buffalo nickels, silver and more.

Contact **Ernie Bouyoucas** at 561-968-1892 to sign up or sign up at the meeting.

Date: On Sunday, January 20, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., then lunch. The hunt will begin promptly at 9 a.m., so arrive about 8:30 a.m. to allow time for preparation and hunt instructions.

Location: 14th Avenue North at "A" & "D" Streets.

Facilities: 2 covered picnic pavilions, 5 lighted tennis courts, 1 basketball court, multi-purpose field, restroom facilities, BBQ grills, playground equipment.

Cost: \$5.00

What to bring: If you have these, bring a folding table and chairs in case the pavilion is not available. There is a nice area under the trees we can use in that case.

Submitted by John Lobota

2007 YEARLY BEST FINDS TO BE HELD AT JANUARY MEETING

Bring your best finds recovered in 2007 for the Best Finds Contest. The entries must have been found between January 2007 and December 2007 and while you were a member of the GCTC.

Categories will be: **Best Gold; Best Silver; Best Costume Jewelry; Best Toy; Best Token; Best Foreign Coin; Best Relic; Best Platinum 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.

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR FINDS CONTEST

Back by popular demand, a contest with entries made out of your finds. Silver prizes will be awarded in three categories: **Most Creative, Best Display** and **Most Unusual.** So, start thinking about what YOU can do to give your finds new life. Members are not limited to the number of entries that they can submit.

BURIED COIN CACHE

CLUE ONE

To find the cache you'd best take a stroll,
somewhere close by - how 'bout Lake O.

Not the one to the North and West,
look here in town, it'll be for the best.

CLUE TWO

Here are the numbers you'll need to see,
Follow them 'round to the cache for thee.

Look carefully and you might arrive,
Watch for 2520, 30, 11-5, 30 and 11-5.

CLUE THREE

If you've had enough and want to arrive,
At zero point eight you'll stop the Drive.

Look to the East and you'll be fine,
If the numbers you see add up to nine

CLUE FOUR



*Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Ernie Bouyoucas**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25.*

BEN SMITH'S INDEPENDENT HUNT

Ben Smith has planted various parts from an appliance at Carlin Park in Jupiter on New Year's Day. If you can ID the appliance, then e-mail Ben at bbsdob525@aol.com or call him at 561-775-3481 and bring the parts to the January meeting. The first member to contact Ben with the correct ID and who comes to the December meeting with the parts gets a prize of a new silver dollar. The area to hunt will be between the two "Guarded Area" signs. Nothing will be planted west of the signs or lifeguard stands or in the water. Ben has also planted other objects of interest. Good Luck!

Directions:

Carlin Park is south of Indiantown Road on A1A. Take I-95 or the Turnpike to the Jupiter Exit. Take Indiantown Road east to A1A. Turn south on A1A. The park is located on the east side.

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, please notify Secretary **Jan Smirnow**, 561-735-8921.

NEW MEMBERS

Elayne Lynch
6657 Columbia Ave
Lake Worth FL 33467
561-304-7507

(Richard Zabriskie's sister)

MEMBER TIPS

Mitzi Bergrud - Coin Cleaning tips using three different methods:

- 1) Soak the coins in distilled water and then put them in the freezer. The water will have gotten into the dirt and the ice crystals expand and break the dirt apart. Several repetitions will be needed to completely remove the dirt; However it does not damage the coin.
- 2) Spread a layer of Elmer's white glue over the coin laying on a piece of wax paper. Let the glue dry and then pull it off the coin. Again a layer of dirt will be pulled from the coin without damaging it. It will require several tries to clean it completely.
- 3) Warm hydrogen peroxide (2%) in a plastic bowl for about one minute in the microwave. Drop the coin in, and watch it fizzle for several minutes. Remove the coin and lightly rub with a Q-tip. Repeat as necessary, and warm the peroxide again when it cools. Be careful handling the peroxide, as it will burn the skin, leaving skin white and dry. Once the coin/object is clean to satisfaction, finish by sealing with pure Vaseline (not the hand lotion, but the pure petroleum jelly).

Editor's note: Remember, if you think the coin is valuable, never clean it. Get a professional opinion first.

Al Dillion - This is a link to a good story regarding a shipwreck hunt in the Keys which appeared in the December Popular Mechanics Magazine:

<http://www.popularmechanics.com:80/outdoors/adventures/4230711.html>

John Presslein - *Be sure to check along the fence line especially on swimming pool fences.* "When we stopped at a campground in WI that we used to stay at, I met an employee with a new detector. He had purchased it after he had removed sod from along side the pool fence. In the 1 foot wide by 30 foot long strip he found over 100 Quarters! I had hunted along that fence over 20 years and only found the fence."

Linda Bennett - Below is a picture of an emerald that was found south of the Jupiter Inlet. It was found in a conglomeration of shells and iron pieces and the emerald was noted only after carefully looking at it weeks later. Also, in the same posting on the Treasure Net Shipwreck forum is a discussion of problems that hunters have had trying to metal detect north of the Jupiter Inlet.



<http://forum.treasurenet.com/index.php/topic,123247.0.html>

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**. I had e-mailed **Keith Wills**, who is in charge of collecting the foreign coins, about when is the best time to mail our collection. The following is his e-mail reply:

We will make our annual visit to the Camp the second week of June, so you have plenty of time.

I wish to tell you and both the fine clubs (Gold Coast Treasure Club in West Palm Beach and The South Florida Treasure Club in Ft. Lauderdale) how much I, the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, and the Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children do sincerely appreciate each and every member of these clubs. So seldom do we have the opportunity to see the kindness of others and especially to those children with such handicaps in their daily lives. Remember how much joy all of you are bringing to so many children that have been told too many times how they are unable to enjoy other recreational hobbies and sports because of their handicaps. Now there is a outdoor recreation they can be taught to do and enjoy even if they are in wheelchairs, blind or deaf. This is something that they would have never had an opportunity to learn without your kindness and support of donation.

From our hearts, thank each of you in the clubs very much. Keith Wills

CONVERT TRASH INTO CA\$H

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 **Jan** (561-735-8921).

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!

Silent Auction Items Needed!

It's time once again 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 someone give you a gift that just "isn't you?" DONATE it to the GCTC! Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, coins, 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 21TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. Multiple hunts will be held: Competition, Pin Point, Silver and Reale hunt. Grand Prize is a Garrett GTI-1500! The cost is \$65 for all 3 hunts. Lunch is included. 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/tcas_club/tcasbenefithunt.htm

Membership Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Please _____ DO _____ DO NOT

Include my address, phone # & e-mail address
in the new club directory.

(Note: members' names, at least, will be included.
Directory goes to members ONLY.)

MAIL TO:

**Gold Coast Treasure Club
Ken Lubinski
P.O. Box 1818
Hobe Sound, FL 33475**

6th GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT

APRIL 25 - 27, 2008

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.gsbsdaytonahunt.com/>

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Dorothy Mills, Dave Grix, Richard Zabriskie** and **James Wilhelm**. Calls are always welcome!

