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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

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

JULY MEETING

Our July 10th meeting will feature a hands-on program in which members (old and new) can bring their detectors for a little field testing. You're encouraged to bring *all* YOUR favorite detectors to compare with other members' detectors. Have you ever wondered how your detector will size up to that "hot new model" that everyone is talking about? If you are considering laying out big bucks for another detector, don't just rely on advertisements and sales hype. Chances are that one of our club members already has the very model you are thinking of buying. This meeting will be an informal opportunity for members to "talk shop" about their machines, do some head-to-head comparisons with other detectors, and see how your detector responds to various items such as jewelry and coins. Weather permitting, field testing will be done behind the Gardens Club, with **Ken Lubinski** supplying the targets and overseeing the testing. If time allows, we will continue our discussion indoors. So, don't forget to bring your machines to the July meeting!

Thank you in advance to **Cheryl Petenbrink** for volunteering to provide the Mystery Item and to **Paul Hamlin** for offering to bring the July Refreshments!

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

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

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

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

CLUB HUNT

It's time for our summer scavenger hunt. July and August are not only too hot to hunt for many members; these months are popular for summer vacations. Starting on July 10, keep track of your finds and mark them off 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.

INDEPENDENT HUNT

Ben Smith has obtained a new appliance to dismantle and hide pieces of for us to find. This hunt is scheduled for August with details to come in the next newsletter.

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!

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$ 805.74

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008 AS OF JUNE 2008

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2,135.71

PLATINUM: 1

GOLD: 51

SILVER: 159

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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 e-mail: 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 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.

JERRY LAUR - For Sale - top quality headphones (Koss, Garrett, Whites, Radio Shack, etc.) \$10 each. Top of the line White's Beach Hunter ID metal detector water machine - \$500. Minelab Explorer II - \$800. Both machines in top shape with less than 10 hours usage. Manuals included. Call 694-7963.

JOHN SILLING - CollectAll 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!

STACEY DELUCIA - Soon-to-be-FOR SALE! White's Surf Master PI Pro. Write: sdeLuc823@aol.com 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.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors:

**Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia
and Jason Petenbrink.**



GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

1 oz Silver Round – **Bob Smirnow**

Grab Bag – **guest**

"Ghost Town" book by Jim Warnke – **John Silling**

Note Cards – **Jerry Laur**

Waterproof Bag – **guest**

Magnifying Glass – **Elayne Lynch**

Pouch – **Carmelo Basilico**

KollectAll Software – **Jim Sharp**

Talking Parrot – **Paul Hamlin**

Shadow Box – **Karen Larson**

Steel Brushes – **Ken Lubinski**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: **Linda Bennett** donated the waterproof pouch; shadow box by **Jim Sharp**; pouch by **Jimmy Chodan**; steel brushes by **Karen Larson**; note cards by **Elayne Lynch**; KollectAll software by **John Silling**; talking parrot by **Gary Spiroch**; "Ghost Town" Book by the late **Jim Warnke** and magnifying glass by the late **Richard Zabriskie**.*

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.

Jim Sharp stumped the club in June with a baking thermometer. Better luck next time, gang!

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

50/50 DRAWING

Elayne Lynch won \$47.50 for her share of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats Elayne!

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 – NIKOLAY MALCHEV 10k GOLD RING WITH HORSE HEAD



BEST SILVER – JIM SHARP SILVER RING



MOST UNUSUAL – STACEY deLUCIA MAKEUP COMPACT



COSTUME JEWELRY – CHERYL PETENBRINK FOSSIL WATCH



BEST COIN – ERNIE BOUYOUCAS 1888 INDIAN HEAD PENNY



JUNE MEETING

We had 39 members and guests who were treated at the June 12th meeting to an interesting PowerPoint presentation by club member **John Sillings**. John invented – and demonstrated for the club - his “KollectAll V8 Software,” an easy means to inventory and document all our metal detecting finds. John seems to have thought of everything for collectors! He has included many different functional templates for all types of collecting and detecting. We thank John for his presentation and for generously offering special GCTC member pricing of only \$10.00 per copy, with all proceeds to benefit our club! If you want to find out more about the capabilities of KollectAll V8 Software, go to **Collectiblessoftware.com** to download a free 30-day trial copy, or see page two of this newsletter.

The club wishes to thank **Mindy Spiroch** for bringing the refreshments to the June meeting and **Jim Sharp** for being our Mystery Item coordinator. Thanks, guys!

May birthday celebrants **Ken Lubinski** and **Paul Hamlin** both received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Linda Bennett (7/23)
Janet Felton (7/11)
Betty Laur (7/23)
Tammy Lobota (7/27)
Jose Paredes (7/20)
Kevin Reilly (7/19)
Ben Smith (7/5)
Harry Sommers (7/26)

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

JASON'S TIP

From the time you hit the sand on the beach to the time you get to the parking lot, **keep your detector on and keep hunting**. At no time should you turn off your detector while heading to the parking lot. Many times people find things in the last few minutes of detecting. Also, Jason says, “**NEVER** leave a signal behind, because THAT could just be the signal you wish you would have dug!”

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!

Repeat Ambassador



Jim Smith
Returned Two Gold Coins

TALL TALES

Jim Smith recently responded to a Lost & Found ad in the Palm Beach Post in which a man lost two gold coins near Jim's home. The coins had already been lost for a week when Jim called. Seems the guy put a box full of gold jewelry and valuable coins on the trunk of his car for some reason, then forgetfully drove off! By the time the fellow realized his mistake and returned to the speed bump where the “loot” went flying, another car had run over the box, crushing it and sending its contents all over the road! The owner recovered all but the two gold coins. Jim searched in the hot sun for two days, and then found the empty coin holders in the grass. Jim finally found the coins, valued at \$4,400, about six feet away from the coin holders. Jim says he received a nice reward for his efforts.

Gary Spiroch, Jan and Bob Smirnow and **Paul Hamlin** answered the call to help a Boynton Beach man who lost his wedding band while gardening in his 3 acre yard. **Gary**, who was the first to volunteer, hunted for about 1-1/2 hours with no luck. In appreciation for Gary's efforts, the man wrote a \$100 donation check to the club, which Gary presented during the June meeting. **Bob and Jan** tried next, but kept getting interference from nearby electrical wires. **Paul** was able to detect without any problems, but he was also unsuccessful.

Jan Smirnow recently found a “honey hole” on the beach that held a whopping 889 pennies! There was no evidence of a broken piggy bank anywhere. Jan now holds the record of number of pennies found in one day.

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger** and **Mindy Spiroch**.
Calls are always welcome!

CELL PHONES, INK CARTRIDGES AND GLASSES ARE BEING COLLECTED

Jan Smirnow collects all cell phone and used ink cartridge donations while **Stacey deLucia** collects prescription glasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida. Recycling makes good sense and saves our landfills! Please bring your donations to the next meeting!

DONATION THANKS

Thanks to **Donna Russo** for her donations of 50 VHS tapes of scary movies and two ledgers. These were offered to the member who had the best offer. The proceeds of \$25 were donated to the club treasury.

JUNE HUNT AT SOUTH BEACH

Eight club members arrived at South Beach just before sunrise and just after the movie lights were turned off. When we arrived, **Steve Carell's** latest movie was being filmed at South Beach. We didn't get to see any of the stars, but the port-a-potties came in handy after drinking coffee on the long trip south!

Members of the South Florida Treasure Hunter's Club stopped to chat. After hunting for three hours, most of the gang enjoyed breakfast at the 11th Street Diner, which came highly recommended by Stacey, who saw it on The Food Networks' "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." The food was good and prices were reasonable, especially when compared to *most* SoBe restaurants. Members then went their separate ways with some going to other spots on their way back home. Many found silver and costume jewelry, but gold eluded us all.

POSTED ON FINDMALL:

I recently put this cart together to hold all of my stuff when traveling far out into a field, so I wouldn't have to come back to my car every time I needed a different tool for the job. It is named, the Treasure Cart. **Rootmaster**



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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PULL TAB CONTEST

A new contest was initiated by **Ken Lubinski** at the April meeting. Ken personally counted a *gigantic* container full of pull tabs. As treasurer, Ken is the **ONLY** member to know the actual number of pull tabs in the container. Members and guests can 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!** Wow! Start guessing! 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!

INTERNET SITES

Here is one of the very best websites for beach reports. It's called **Magic Seaweed**. It gives you the tides and, more importantly, the swells' height, direction and duration between each swell, wind direction and speeds, plus temperature. <http://magicseaweed.com/>

The following website, **The Golden Olde**, has tips and links for beach hunting. <http://thegoldenolde.com/>

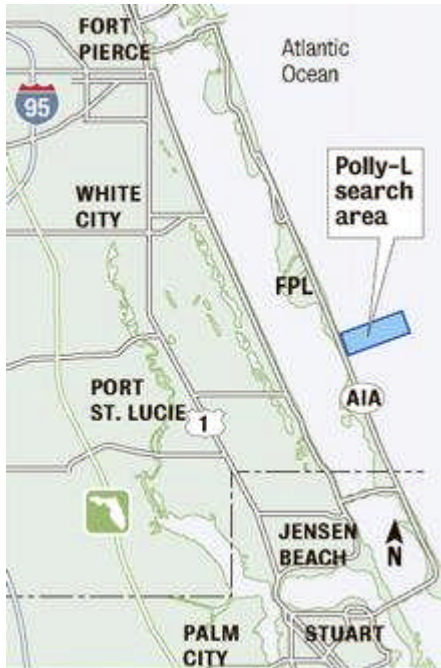
CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00
Club Towels: \$3.00
Club Patches: \$5.00
GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00
Club T-shirts: \$12 - \$15

HEADS UP! August meeting program: **"Treasure Hunting Flea Market."** Members can sell ANY Treasuring Hunting related item and save the hassle of selling on eBay or Craigslist. This is a fundraiser for the club, with 10 percent of all sales going to the GCTC.

TREASURE SHIP HUNT

Below is a map that shows the area that the Mel Fischer group has a lease to search for a Spanish treasure ship from the 1715 fleet. The search area is about a quarter mile off shore and south of the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant.



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**. *Thanks to Betty Laur for her donations of foreign coins.*

CONCHARTO.COM

Courtesy of Frank San Miguel Founder, Concharto.com

I created Concharto.com. Concharto at its core is a geographic Wiki, modeled off of Wikipedia and Mapquest. We've only been live since March. While our first incarnation is about history and happenings, I am considering creating specialized Concharto groups that apply to a particular area - for instance treasure.

Here's how it would work: there would be a special URL, say "treasure.concharto.com." Anyone would be able to add or edit treasure related events or places. You could add historic information such as the wreck of a particular ship or current information such as Joe found "x" at location "y." Like Wikipedia, a core group of enthusiast administrators would be able to manage the content and make sure the entries match the community guidelines. Also like Wikipedia, community guidelines would be managed and maintained by the community.

<http://www.concharto.com>

EXPO AT THE BREAKERS



Kudos to board member **Jim Sharp**, head of security for the Breakers in Palm Beach, for his efforts to get the word out about the Gold Coast Treasure Club! On June 5th, 2008 the Breakers held an Expo that featured 53 Companies and was attended by approximately 800 employees. Jim set up a GCTC display to show the volume of trash that our members removed from area Parks and beaches during a 45 day period. One bag of collected trash weighed 63 1/2 lbs! Jim also displayed zip-lock bags filled with batteries, lighters and fishing gear that our members picked up. The goal of the display was to show the positive role our Club members play in removing trash found while Metal Detecting and to show that we don't leave what we find in our Beaches and Parks. Jim's display generated a lot of interest in both the Club and in Metal Detecting. He handed out 150 Business cards and made some good connections in the community. Thanks, Jim, for generating positive PR for our club!



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	Earring
Watch	Pencil
Advertising Item	15 Foreign Coins
Washer	Canadian Quarter
Key(S)	Any Dollar Coin
15 Bottle Caps	Costume Ring
Indian Head Penny	Metal Screw
Wheat Penny	Key Chain
Silver Coin (Any Denomination)	Zipper Pull
Foreign Coin (Non-Canadian)	Toe Ring
Gold (Non-Ring)	Belly Button Jewelry
Silver Ring	Metal Snap (Either Part)
Gold Ring	Battery
Pin (Not Safety)	Ball of Foil
Religious Item	20 Pull Tabs
Bracelet	Colored Pull Tab
Metal Car	Chain
Metal Airplane	100 Pennies
Metal Toy	50 Nickels
12 Tokens	Bud Light Cap
Lighter	Item with Picture
Tool	Ring with Stone
Dog Tag	Dangle Earring
Glasses	Bracelet with Stones
Necklace Charm	Half Dollar
Hair Barrette	Part from any Appliance
Metal Button	Shell
Fishing Weight	Plastic Toy