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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. MARCH 13
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!

Each year our Silent Auction is YOUR opportunity to bid on some GREAT items and walk away with some real bargains! It is also an opportunity to rid your closets of 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 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**: sdeLuc823@aol.com. (Volunteers to set up are appreciated. Please come to the clubhouse by 7:00 p.m.)

Linda Bennett volunteered to bring Refreshments for the March meeting. Thanks Linda! We'd like to also thank **Cheryl Petenbrink** for volunteering to stump us with a Mystery Item. Be sure to bring ALL the items you find for the Tall Tales Table. You could win a silver half-dollar!

JOIN US FOR SOME PRE-MEETING FUN!

A group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting. Won't YOU join us? Everyone is welcome! This month we will go back to our old location – the back room of **PA BBQ** in Lake Worth. Dinner is Dutch Treat - That means BRING YOUR OWN MOOLA!\$!\$ (GCTC members are encouraged to suggest centrally-located restaurants that can accommodate between 10-15 diners. We are open to new ideas!)

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



America's Newest Citizen – Nikolay Malchev

On February 27, 2008, America accepted as one of its own club member **Nikolay Malchev**, internationally known on the Internet treasure hunting forums as "The Bulgarian." Congratulations, Nikolay! Those of us who hunt with Nikolay know that this day has been one that he has looked forward to for some time! He is AS proud to be a citizen as we are to have him join us!

Nikolay's daughter **Radina** also became a citizen that day, and his wife **Rumyanam** (nicknamed Rummy) is scheduled to take her oath on March 11th. So, please be sure to give the entire Malchev family a big hug or shake their hands when you see them, for they are America's proudest new citizens!

**TREASURER'S REPORT
\$ 1,378.76**

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

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Dues are \$30 a year
New members pay an
initiation fee of \$5
and \$30 if joining between Jan 1st
and the end of June
or \$15 if joining between July 1
and Dec. 31

MEMBERS BUY AND SELL COLUMN

KEVIN REILLY offers a complete line of new and used detectors, 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

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.

PAOLA NASH - *Balsamic Vinegar: Introduction to a Mysterious and Centuries-old Italian Vinegar* by Paola Nash. This hardback book is meant to be entertaining and educational. It is not a cookbook! \$36 (20% discount, plus tax) through the club. Call 561-743-5248.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ZABRISKIE - Garrett GTA 1500 metal detector: \$550. This machine was won by Richard at the Great Southern Beach Shootout in 2007. Brand new and in the box with a two-year warranty. World's foremost coin shooter with instant feedback capabilities. Indicates target size, depth and pinpoint location. Lets you know if a target is a coin or a drink can. Contact Linda Bennett for more details. Home: 561-791-7682 or cell: 561-352-4068.

STACEY deLUCIA: 5 NEW Clarity Oak Boxes for sale. Octagonal with space for stained glass insert. Use as jewelry boxes or to display your finds. REDUCED: only \$25 each. See Stacey at the meeting, e-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com or call for more info: 561-687-2310.

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,
Mindy Spiroch and Jan Smirnow.**

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Bob Smirnow**

Knee Pads – **Ed Weston**

Angel Alert – **Jan Smirnow**

Pouch – **Jim Smith**

“You Can Find Gold” Book – **Paul Hamlin**

Two Lotto Scratch Offs – **Karen Larson**

Hand Made Probe – **Ed Weston**

Car First Aid Kit – **Carmelo Basilio**

Key Holder – **Ernie Bouyoucas**

Valentine Beanie Bear – **Elayne Lynch**

Digging Tool and Bag – **Mindy Spiroch**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: Custom made probe by **Bob Smirnow**, lotto scratch offs by **Ben Smith**, Angel Alert by **Paul Hamlin**, Beanie Baby by **Linda Bennett** and key holder by **Donna Russo**, knee pads by **Stacey deLucia**, car first aid kit by **Jan Smirnow**, digging tool and bag by **Phil Hujar**.*

Remember – you receive an extra door prize ticket for bringing a guest, displaying your monthly finds on the Tall Tales Table, providing refreshments for the meeting or volunteering to bring the mystery item - that adds up to **four free** tickets for the door prizes drawings!

MYSTERY ITEM

Just 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. The volunteer receives a free door prize ticket for that effort. If one of a member's displayed finds on the Tall Tales Table *matches* the mystery item, that member wins a silver half dollar, so bring EVERYTHING you find and you might just win a prize!

Stacey deLucia provided a plastic-covered metal spring clip. **Paul Hamlin** had a similar one in his tall tales collection, so he received the silver half dollar. Way to go, Paul!

50/50 DRAWING

Donna Thiel won \$67 for her share of the 50/50 drawing.

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 – JASON PETENBRINK
14 K GOLD RING WITH 20 DIAMONDS

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE

BEST SILVER – JASON PETENBRINK
SILVER RING WITH CZ'S

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE

MOST UNUSUAL – JASON PETENBRINK
MINI ENGAGEMENT RING



COSTUME JEWELRY – GARY SPIROCH
NECKLACE WITH CROWN SHAPED PENDANT



BEST COIN – STACEY deLUCIA
KING LEOPOLD II GOLD COIN



BURIED COIN CACHE CLUE ONE

"It's a park-that I will tell you. It is best known for their BMX Bicycle Racing.

CLUE TWO

"Pooch Pines is where you want to be. The Park's beautiful lake will be on your right. 5/10 mile along this road with a bicycle sign as you go."

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

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 **Jimmy Chodan, Jim Smith and Joe Keeley** for their foreign coin donations!*

DONATIONS

Gay Konnagon donated a belt buckle, **John Lobota** donated a set of headphones and **Stacey deLucia** donated two coin sets. **Don Caplinger** donated books for the club's library.

THANK YOU!

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008

AS OF FEBRUARY 2008

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$784.15

PLATINUM: 0

GOLD: 15

SILVER: 51

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger** and **Bill Rogers**.

Calls are always welcome!

INTERNET

Check out this website for straight shafts and other miscellaneous equipment. This was posted on one of the treasure forums recently.

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

DIRECTORY

The new 2008 club directory is now available. Update this directory every month with the additions and/or revisions that are posted in the newsletter. This directory is not available on the website. You will receive it by e-mail or snail mail. *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.*

HUNT MASTER EDITORIAL

The planted hunt that **John Lobota** and **Ernie Bouyoucas** sponsored at a local park exposed members to another type of metal detecting. Many members, who normally hunt only the beach, have returned to this park. They are finding not only items that were planted, but many other old coins and jewelry. I have actually been requested to have more park hunts.

In Florida, parks are overlooked due to miles of beaches that can be hunted. Also, beach hunting on dry sand is very easy digging. Parks are a different story. The digging is harder. Trash is very prevalent and can mask the good signals. More skill is involved in park hunting. Two skills that are necessary for this type of hunting are accurate pinpointing and probing. Pinpointing and probing will decrease the time it takes to retrieve an item and also the size of the hole. Another important habit is **filling all holes!** More parks have been closed to metal detecting due to holes being left unfilled.

Practice - and I repeat practice - to get these two skills down. Place a piece of paper down on the ground. Under that paper place a half dollar. Now use your detector and pinpoint that half dollar. Place a mark on top of the paper, then check and see if the coin matches the mark. Find out where your coil pinpoint spot is; it is not always in the center of the coil. Each coil can have a different pinpointing spot. Try smaller size coins and practice with your pinpointing. Once you have your pinpointing down, try using a probe. Once you can locate a coin with a probe, the size opening you need to retrieve the item can be dramatically decreased.

Shovels should not be used in parks for digging. No matter how well you refill your hole, the perception will be that you are out to damage the lawn. Park rangers and other park users will look at that shovel with much distrust. That is why you should only use a small trowel no more than 3 inches wide. And yes, park hunting is more physical because of the bending and up and down motions. Future hunts will help you work on these skills.

Submitted by Linda Bennett

The American Dream "Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure" 2008 Seminars

Over the past 13 years **Bob "Frogfoot" Weller** has conducted seminars on "Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure," opening the door to those who have hoped one day to become involved in the American Dream. The seminar is designed to "show the way" for successful salvage. This year he will be holding two seminars in June, about the time that salvage groups head to sea. The dates are June 9-12 and June 23-26. These are Monday thru Thursday dates, allowing a week-end for those who would like to enjoy some Florida sunshine and possibly more diving in the Florida Keys.

The seminars include the following: two days of lectures by prominent salvors who have had their stories published in National Geographic. The third day is an auto tour of the 1715 Spanish treasure wreck sites, a visit to the Mel Fisher Treasure Museum in Sebastian, a visit to the McLarty Treasure Museum in Wabasso, and lunch at Capt. Hiram's in Sebastian. The fourth day is a shallow water (14-16') dive on the 1733 Spanish galleons "El Infante" and the "San Pedro" in the Florida Keys.

Transportation from the airport to local hotels is included, as well as the tours of 1715 wreck sites, and the Florida Keys 1733 dive site. SCUBA tanks may be rented at the charter boat site in Plantation key. All lunches are provided. There is an excellent B&B in Lake Worth, close to great restaurants and antique row, that is within walking distance to the ocean. Rates are \$125-\$190/night with the 4th night free. Enrollees must make their own arrangements with motel/hotels in the area. Cost of the seminar is \$750/person with a deposit of \$250 required to reserve space in the seminar. A maximum of 10 enrollees will be allowed per seminar.

Reservations for the seminar can be made at "Crossed Anchors" 1818 17th Ave. N., Lake Worth, FL 33460-6432

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

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/>

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. Deposit your donations in the boxes in the back of the room.

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

CHALLENGE LEVEL ONE



Paul Hamlin

WINNER OF LIGHTNING DETECTOR RAFFLE



Linda Bennett

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Six guests and 46 members attended the program presented by **Captain Dom and Yvonne Addario** which focused on the shipwreck off the beach at Jupiter, now known as the Spanish King's Aviso vessel the San Miguel Archangel, which sank in 1660. Captain Dom attempted to show the members a PowerPoint presentation using a laptop, but had technical difficulties. Not to be stopped, Captain Dom shared how the shipwreck site was discovered, what was involved in protecting the site and, of course, the finds!

Yvonne, Capt. Dom's wife, has written a book, "Treasure Diving with Captain Dom." She discounted the book to our members and signed all purchased copies. Those who attended were able to touch the artifacts and coins and taste the fever of treasure hunting. Captain Dom asked our members to scour the Jupiter beach area and let him know what we find. He also said that he would enjoy coming back in the future.

President Bouyoucas presented Captain Dom and Yvonne with mementos from the club in appreciation of the evening. Yvonne then donated a copy of her book to the club for our library.

The **Frank Nash Family** put out a great spread of food for break time. A variety of desserts were also available along with a birthday cake for daughter, **Pauline**. The club thanks **Frank, Paola and Pauline** for the refreshments.



Captain Dominic Addario



Yvonne Addario

February birthday celebrants **Carmelo Basilio, Pauline Nash, Bill Rogers, Mindy Spiroch, Glenn Gamble, Joanne Keeley** and **Cheryl Petenbrink** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. *We sincerely apologize to Carmelo Basilio, Mindy Spiroch, Vera Hujar, Joanne Keeley and Glenn Gamble for the February birthday omissions in the last newsletter.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Marilyn Batts (3/14)

Marjorie Hamlin (3/15)

Joe Keeley (3/19)

Nikolay Malchev (3/14)

Radina Malchev (3/30)

Rumy Malchev (3/30)

Warren Megibow (3/14)

Jason Petenbrink (3/2)

John Presslein (3/9)

Donna Russo (3/17)

Barbara Sharp (3/2)

Sarah Sommers (3/13)

Bev Warnke

If the above people come to the meeting during their birthday month, they each will receive a silver quarter!

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 (crafted by **Steve Hoskins**) to wear on his or her hat, in addition to a certificate of appreciation. Future returns are recognized by a certificate. 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 Goodwill Ambassador

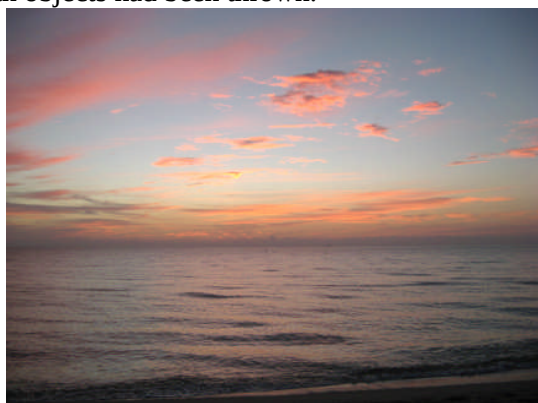
Gary Spiroch - Returned a cell phone

SOUTH BEACH HUNT IN MEMORY OF RICHARD ZABRISKIE

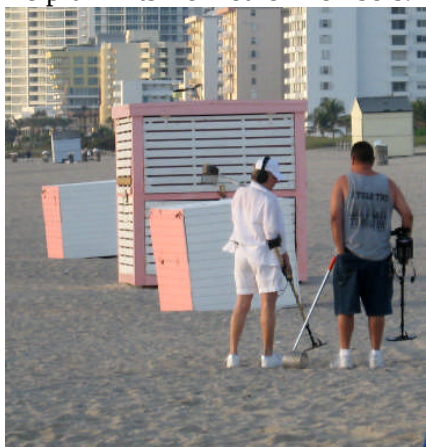
Twenty-two club members, along with **Richard's wife Kazhie** and their son **John**, gathered at South Beach. Just before sunrise, at the water's edge, members and family reflected on Richard's passion for metal detecting at his favorite hunting spot. A memorial wreath, made by **Linda Bennett**, was passed around for each individual to remove an object and throw it into the water.



The club hunt began just as the sun was rising. The weather was perfect - not too hot and with a nice breeze - great for all beach hunters. The water was flat and the conditions perfect for the water hunters. Although they tried to stay away from the area into which the memorial wreath objects had been thrown.



Kazhie and John tried their hand at metal detecting after some helpful hints from other members.



Photos by Steve Hoskins

At 9 a.m., breakfast was eaten at one of Richard's favorite SoBe restaurants. The memorial photo album was passed around the table. **Linda Bennett** had gathered pictures of **Richard's** highlights with the club since joining in 1991 and presented the album to **Kazhie**. The club members donating their pictures were: **Linda Bennett, Steve Hoskins, Gail Hoskins, Karen Larson, Ken Lubinski, Bob Dobski, Betty Laur** and **Stacey deLucia**.



Report of Jewelry finds from the dry sand:

Bob Dobski - found a silver man's ring
Irving Smith - found a pair of matching earrings
Gary Spiroch - found a white gold necklace
Karen Larson - Marijuana pendant
Linda Bennett - costume earring and ring
Jerry Laur - Gold ring, costume earring
Betty Laur - Silver bracelet

Report of Jewelry finds from the water:

Nikolay Malchev - found a gold earring, two silver rings, two costume rings and one costume earring.