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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. MAY 8
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

MAY MEETING

If you missed the **Great Southern Beach Shootout** in Daytona Beach last week, you really missed a great time! But don't worry, because many of your fellow GCTC members *were* there and they will recap the highlights of the weekend for you at our May meeting. Proudly dressed in our blue or white GCTC t-shirts, our members really stood out among the 202 treasure hunters in Daytona. And not just because we LOOKED good. Our club was a force to be reckoned with! Six of our club members found top 50 tokens, earning club members \$5,000, \$2,000, \$600, \$500, a box of silver bars, and a metal detector. Come to the meeting to see photos and hear tall tales from the winners, both big and small. (And look inside this newsletter for a special GSBS insert.)

Thank you in advance to **Ken Lubinski** for volunteering to bring the refreshments and to **Ernie Bouyoucas** for bringing the Mystery Item.

We have been informed that parking will no longer be allowed around the front drive, especially on the east side. There will be "No Parking" signs up by the next meeting. Please do not park on the grass and obey all parking signs.

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.**

CFMDC WEEKEND CAMP HUNT

Our club has been invited to attend a campout on May 17-18 hosted by the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club, which meets in Sanford. CFMDC President **Ray Leist** is one of the key organizers of the Great Southern Beach Shootout and a wonderful host, so you won't want to miss this fun, family-friendly weekend.

Most GCTC members drive up on Friday and stay at a local motel. The group meets on Saturday morning at a pre-arranged site to caravan the short distance to the camp.

The cost of \$37/person includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast along with a bed (usually a bunk bed) for Saturday night. You will need to bring your own linens and toilet items.

Information on the motel for Friday night and the directions for the 9 a.m. meeting place for Saturday will be available at the May meeting. If you can't attend the May meeting, then contact **Linda Bennett** for further info.

MAY HUNT HOSTED BY BEN SMITH

Ben Smith will host a planted hunt at Jupiter Beach on Saturday, May 31. The hunt will start at 8 a.m. sharp. Prizes will be awarded after the hunt.

Any early birds who would like to have breakfast before the hunt, please meet at the Cracker Barrel on 45th Street at 6:15 a.m. Take I-95 to 45th Street. Go west and turn at the first street on the left, which is Metrocentre Blvd. Follow the road till it ends.

*Directions to Jupiter Beach are as follows: I-95 or the turnpike to the Jupiter Exit. Go east on Indiantown Road till it ends at A1A. Go north on A1A and turn at the first right onto Jupiter Beach Road. It will end at the Jupiter Jetty. As you drive into the park watch for the club sign. If you get lost, call **Linda Bennett** on her cell phone at (561)-352-4068.*

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New members pay an
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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.

JERRY LAUR - For Sale- top quality headphones (Koss, Garrett, Whites, Radio Shack, etc.) \$10 each, your choice. Top of the line White's Beach Hunter ID metal detector water machine - \$600. Minelab Explorer II - top of the line Minelab detector - \$800. Both machines in top shape with less than 10 hours usage. Manuals included. Contact Jerry - 694-7963

ESTATE OF RICHARD ZABRISKIE - MORE metal detectors available for sale. Information coming soon. Contact Linda Bennett for more details. Home: 561-791-7682 or cell: 561-352-4068.

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** when you are ready to buy your copy!

Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. Sometimes ads will need to be edited due to available space. 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, Jason Petenbrink,
Jan Smirnow and Ernie Bouyoucas.**

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

1922 Liberty Silver Dollar – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

Angel Alert – **Jutta Koster**

Shadow Box - **Jan Smirnow**

Garrett Grab Bag – **Chris Reed**

Head Lamp - **Peter Meduri**

Rear Blinker – **Linda Bennett**

Coin Counter Set – **Jason Petenbrink**

Book "The Beach Bank" – **Chris Reed**

Electronic Organizer - **Linda Bennett**

Lottery Scratch-Off Ticket - **Linda Bennett**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: Lottery scratch off by **Ben Smith**, Angel Alert by **Paul Hamlin**, shadow box and rear blinker by **Jim Sharp**, headlight by **Bob Smirnow**, electronic organizer by **Elayne Lynch**, book "The Beach Bank" donated by **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 displayed Tall Tales Table finds *matches* the mystery item, that member wins a silver half-dollar! So bring ALL your finds - you might just win a prize! Unfortunately, the person supplying the mystery item doesn't get the silver half-dollar if they stump the club. But they do receive a free door prize ticket.

Donna Russo stumped the club with a wine opener. Kudos, Donna! Better luck next time, gang!

Remember - bring ALL items found. You never know what will be that month's mystery item!

50/50 DRAWING

Jim Sharp won \$65 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats to Jim!

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 – BETTY LAUR

14k GOLD TENNIS BRACELET (41 DIAMONDS!)



BEST SILVER – BETTY LAUR

SILVER BRACELET WITH GOLD PLATING



MOST UNUSUAL – PAUL HAMLIN

PENDANT WITH STONE



COSTUME JEWELRY – PAUL HAMLIN

RING WITH STONE



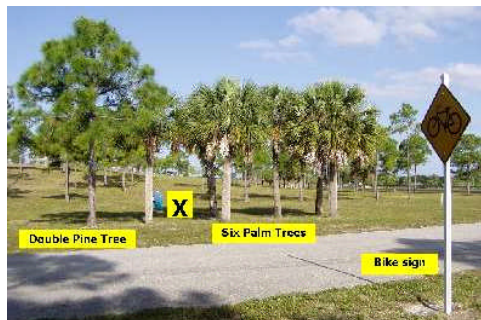
BEST COIN – JIM SHARP

1903 INDIAN HEAD PENNY



BURIED COIN CACHE

After hearing comments at the club meeting that members were waiting for a picture before looking for the coin cache, **Linda Bennett** decided to try and find it herself. **Mindy Spiroch** provided excellent clues. It did take two trips to the area because of limited time to hunt and lots of junk. Below is a picture of "X marks the spot."



Linda will be awarded the prize of \$25 at the May meeting.

Reburial of the coin cache will be done in the fall.

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**. The donated foreign coins will be mailed after the May meetings of the SFTHC and GCTC.

Thank you to Gay Konnagan for her foreign coin donations!

GOLD TESTING KITS

The following question about preferred gold testers was recently posted by **Stacey deLucia** on two forums: The Treasure Depot and Findmall:

"With all the successful gold hunters on this forum, I KNOW you'll all have your opinions about the best way to test your finds. Please share with me your preferred method of testing, pros and cons, price ranges and recommended brands. It would be great if this gold tester could differentiate between gold, silver and platinum...is that too much to ask?"

The consensus of the replies were to use a special stone on which you scratch the item you will be testing and then apply different acid chemicals that will test for platinum, silver, 10K, 14K, 18K and 22K gold. Kits can be bought for less than \$25. Note: The small bottles of acids need to be sealed tightly or they won't last long!

<http://scales-n-tools.com/>

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

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.*

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MEMBER UPDATES

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

Calls are always welcome!

HAPPY TIDBITS

Jan Smirnow – has a new granddaughter, **Gabriella Evamarie**. Parents are **Andi** (Jan's daughter) and **Rick**. Rick visited the club last November.

Gail and Steve Hoskins just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 5. They were surprised with a Luau get together with family and friends. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.



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!

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$ 990.54

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008 AS OF MARCH 2008

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,206.95

PLATINUM: 1

GOLD: 25

SILVER: 85

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

EDITORIAL BY STACEY deLUCIA

Recently on national news: After an Isle of Palms (near Charleston, SC) patrol officer twisted his ankle on the beach one night, the City Council set to work to regulate the children who build sand castles and dig sand on the beach, leaving holes. Stacey posted on both The Treasure Depot and Findmall to give everyone a heads up that this is increasingly becoming an issue around the U.S. - laws are being proposed and enacted that will influence the future of our hobby. Her post generated a lot of discussion. Here is her response to one poster who stated that he, personally, fills his holes and that those who fill their holes shouldn't have to be concerned.

Yes, I too **PERSONALLY** fill my holes, I also try to educate others - both newcomers and old timers to the hobby - about the importance of filling holes and not leaving trash behind. Unfortunately, it often falls on deaf ears. I am not "personally" worried about getting a fine. That is not my point or concern. I am worried, as I said in my post, about the precedence this is setting around the U.S. and about the fact that there are many newcomers to the hobby who want to "get rich quick" due to the price of gold. These are not people who are monitoring our treasure hunting forums and joining clubs, and they aren't reading books to learn about the proper way to detect. They buy cheapo detectors from Radio Shack and set out without any training onto our beaches, digging holes and causing us all trouble along the way. Their ignorance DOES affect us all. Those holes that you are ignoring are giving us all a bad name. Bad PR equals proposed legislation. Proposed legislation equals - on occasion - PASSED legislation. Even if you personally aren't leaving holes, as you say, there are tons of idiots who do. Those are the ones we all need to look out for and to educate. If we don't all take a stand then one day we'll be talking to our grandkids about "the good old days when we used to be allowed to treasure hunt on beaches without a license." OR worse yet, "the good old days when detecting was still LEGAL."

I think most of us here on the forums are smart enough to know that filling our holes is the RIGHT and EXPECTED thing to do. What we need to do is go a step further and be a positive example to those who don't know the treasure hunters' code of ethics. We need to NOT turn the other way and ignore those inconsiderate hunters who leave holes. It isn't all about US. Yes, WE KNOW what to do....but do the newbies? If we want to continue to enjoy this hobby without further constraints, then we need to think beyond what WE are doing and help spread the word to others. Or suffer the long-range consequences.

See these forums for interesting discussions

http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/cgi-bin/surfandsand/ss_config.pl

<http://www.findmall.com/list.php?26>

APRIL MEETING

GCTC's April meeting was opened with a crowd of 53 in attendance. President **Ernie Bouyoucas** greeted guests **John Lessard** and **Christine Ball** of Boca Raton, **Peter Meduri** of Boynton Beach, **Jutta Koster**, and **Sam Frost's** grandson – **Nathan**, and new members **Chris Reed & Debbie Bishop**, **Joseph & Lydia Cook**, and **John Zabriskie**.

Our program for the evening was presented by **Rechant's Precious Metals' Tony Swicer** and **Ray Duclos** (located on the Northeast corner of Congress Avenue and Forest Hill Blvd). Tony and Ray provided our members and guests with valuable information about buying and selling coins, bullion and jewelry in today's market. Ray is the owner of Rechant's. Tony has been the President of the West Palm Beach Coin Club for 25 years. With 30 years experience in the gold, silver and precious metal business they advised our members not to use the mail order refineries to sell scrap gold. Typically, you send your precious metals on a given date expecting that day's price, but then it is not processed for at least ten days. The date that they process your gold sets the market value you will receive. Ray explained that he got taken that way, i.e., he sent his gold when it was over \$1k per troy ounce only to be advised two weeks later that it was processed on a later date at \$930 per troy ounce. He further advised that "Rechant's doesn't give the highest price, but we ARE fair. Always get a second opinion before you sell." For investment purposes "put your money into coins or bullion." When selling your jewelry, categorize it into 10k, 14k, 18k, etc. It makes it easier for the buyer and for you. The rare coin market is stagnate now and the market will probably see-saw low through June and July and peak around November and December."

Tony provided helpful hint handouts: "Buying and Selling Coins and Bullion," a "Silver Value Chart for United States and Canadian Coins" and "Weighing Precious Metals Guide." Members who missed this meeting and who would like a copy, contact one of the club's officers.



Tony and Ray were presented club t-shirts

Nikolay, Romy and Radina Malchev were applauded once again for becoming U.S. Citizens. This time they were in attendance. Congratulations!

Elayne Lynch and **John Zabriskie** provided pizza and other refreshments for our meeting. Thank you!!!

April birthday celebrants **Debbie Bishop**, **Bob Konnagan**, **Karen Larson** and **Chris Reed** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Sharon Bouyoucas (5/18)

Trent Bowen (5/8)

Lydia Cook (5/1)

Barbara Dobski (5/13)

Dixie Gamble (5/15)

John Lobota (5/14)

Maryanne Lubinski (5/31)

Elayne Lynch (5/8)

Nancy Rogers (5/5)

Nancy Stephens (5/27)

Karen Sweeney (5/3)

Bob Weller (5/20)

Kazhie Zabriskie (5/27)

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

JASON'S TIP

My tip for this month is to hunt the blanket lines. If you don't first succeed going north and south, go east and west and hunt a good grid! Learn to "read" the beaches to see where beach goers sat. Look for indentations where they placed their chairs, blankets, or even "butt marks."

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 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 Ambassador



ERNIE BOUYOUCAS
Returned a Cell Phone

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Our snowbird members have flown north. We hope that they will keep **Linda** or **Stacey** updated on any exciting finds or stories.

Irving Smith found his first platinum ring in Fort Lauderdale just days before leaving for Maine. Congrats Irving! It is too bad that we will have to wait till the fall to see your ring. Or then, maybe you will decide to sell it with the price of platinum so high. If so, take a picture for us.

Beware of the beach cams that are becoming popular. You never know when you will be seen by those browsing the Internet. Recently **John Lobota** and **Ernie Bouyoucas** were caught metal detecting at Jupiter Beach. Below is the picture.



The **Spiroch Family** spent spring break on a cruise. Of course, their metal detectors went along. **Gary** reports not much was found except for a silver ring.

\$50 GASOLINE RAFFLE CARD

At the April meeting the spots for the gasoline card quickly sold out. The lucky winner was **Ken Lubinski**. Now he can buy gas to drive home from the next meeting.

COIN SHOOTING TIPS FROM B.G. REVIS

Detectors only read the surface area of any object; nothing else matters to them. Detectors read many rings and jewelry as pull tabs. We all love to pull up a nice ring but did you know that about 40% of rings are erased when your discriminator is set to reject foil (you can kiss gold coins goodbye at this setting also).

Crank your control up to pull-tab and you have wiped out about 85% of rings and nickels you might have found. Crank it to the max and you have erased virtually all rings, a lot of jewelry, haloed coins, coins on edge or at an angle. Many TH'ers don't seem to care for nickels - but remember, a 1913 Liberty nickel is worth about \$1.5 million today.

Read the rest of the article at:

www.thetreasuredepot.com/issue2/coinshooting.htm

TALL TALES

Irving Smith showed the club his 16-year collection of keys found while detecting. He said he did not know how many he had, but it was "about forty pounds of keys."

Jim Sharp reported finding an empty six-pack in the parking lot of Comcast. As he got out of his vehicle he glanced down at the six-pack and there was a \$10 bill stuffed inside it. "Always look down!"

Betty Laur's winning entry in this month's best gold category proves that once a person takes up the hobby of treasure hunting, it becomes second nature even if one is not swinging a metal detector.

Betty was out on one of her regular walks with her dog, Sweetie. Sweetie decided during this walk to lie down and take a rest. While Betty was encouraging her dog to start walking, Betty noticed a broken bracelet nearby. The bracelet was marked as 14k gold and the 38 stones tested positive for diamonds!

On a walk a few days later, Sweetie again decided to lie down. At that spot, Betty found the remaining part of the bracelet, except for the clasp. That bracelet part netted another 3 diamonds.

The next day, Sweetie decided to sit at another spot. Betty then found the clasp. A local jeweler repaired the bracelet, which Betty proudly wears. Sweetie now has the nickname of Diamond Dog and will probably be making a trip to the beach along with Betty and her detector.



Betty and "Diamond Dog" Sweetie

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.

