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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. MAY 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

MAY MEETING

Many club members frequent South Florida beaches in their quest for gold, but recent headlines have shown how an afternoon at the beach can quickly turn to tragedy due to deadly rip currents. Come to our May 14th meeting for what could be a life saving presentation. **Jennifer Plant**, a Physical Therapist who works with **Gary McNew** at Walgreen's, is a Certified Red Cross instructor who will discuss the basics of CPR, answer questions, and also share information about how we, too, can become certified. Jennifer will discuss basic safety tips, plus precautions to take when at the beach or when involved in physical activity of any kind. Learn how *not* to become a statistic – or to keep someone else from becoming one.

Don't forget to bring ALL of your finds to display on the Tall Tales Table and to enter items into the monthly Best Finds Contest. This month, in addition to our regular monthly Best Finds, the Platinum Category will be featured. Any platinum found between the January 2009 meeting and the May 2009 meeting may be entered. Since the Platinum Category is only a quarterly event, members may enter more than one platinum find in the contest.

Thanks in advance to **Ken Lubinski** for volunteering to provide the refreshments and to **Jim Sharp** for agreeing to try to stump us with the Mystery Item this month.

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**

KEVIN REILLY

As this newsletter was about to go to print we learned the sad news - club member **Kevin Reilly**, owner of Reilly's Treasured Gold in Pompano Beach, died late Sunday, April 26, 2009 after a short battle with cancer. Many of our club members bought metal detectors and other equipment from him. Kevin was the author of "The Beach Bank," and other treasure hunting books that many members have read and enjoyed. Our condolences go out to Kevin's loved ones. We will have more details and a tribute to Kevin in the June newsletter.

NEW RAFFLE

How would you like to get \$50 worth of groceries for only \$2.00? Impossible, you say? Not if you take a chance on our latest raffle, which will start during our May meeting! We will be raffling off a \$50 Publix gift card and YOU could be the lucky winner! Memorial Day and Independence Day are right around the corner. Just imagine how many hot dogs and hamburgers you could buy with \$50! It only takes one ticket. Chances are one in 40, so get your ticket(s) at the next meeting! **Good luck!**

HOT OFF THE PRESSES: GCTC HATS

If you like our club logo (and who doesn't?), you're going to LOVE our new hats! Come to the May meeting to see samples in a wide array of colors and pick your favorite. We only ordered 15 for this initial run, so at only \$12.00 each these attractive hats will go fast. Thanks to **Mindy Spiroch** for arranging special pricing for us.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$2,081.76

Please don't forget to return books, DVDs and tapes that you checked out from the library last month!

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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

REILLY'S TREASURED GOLD offers a complete line of new & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. The shop also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! See their website: www.rtgstore.com.

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.

JERRY LAUR - Stainless Steel Colt 45 cal Pistol: \$800; Stainless Steel Ruger Mark II, 22 cal pistol: \$500; Minelab Explorer metal detector with extra books: \$800; Whites DFX metal detector with extra books: \$800. All items are like new with little use. Call Jerry @ 561-694-7963 8AM to 8PM.

RALPH SQUIER/BRENDA DICKERSON - Cast aluminum patio table with glass top and chairs for \$110. Two 19 inch TV's - \$20 each. Call 561-737-0539.

LINDA BENNETT - Garrett Ace 250 metal detector won at TCAS hunt. Brand new, in box with warranty. Retail at \$249.95. Will sell for \$180. Call 561-352-4068.

BOB SMIRNOW - Tesoro LObo. Bought in 2006 for \$800. Never used. With headphones. Asking \$450. Call Bob Smirnow: 561-735-8921.

STACEY deLUCIA – Stained glass kits from Clarity Glass Design: Five (5) NEW-in-original-boxes 8" x 11" Oak Octagon-shaped boxes. Just insert stained glass piece to make beautiful jewelry boxes, or leave as is to display your monthly finds. Purchased for \$30 each. Yours for only \$10 each. Two (2) Oak Pen Stand Kits for stained glass with patterns. Unopened in original packaging. \$10 each. Call 561-687-2310 or email: sdeLuc823@aol.com.

*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.*

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver quarter and certificate)

BEST GOLD – GARY SPIROCH

Diamond Ring



BEST SILVER – TOM LIEBERMAN

Silver David Yurman Bracelet



MOST UNUSUAL – MINDY SPIROCH

Cigar Cutter



COSTUME JEWELRY – GARY SPIROCH

Large Cross with Stones



BEST COIN – PAUL HAMLIN

1910 Wheat Penny



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

Gold – Gary McNew (Black Onyx Ring)



Silver – Ken Lubinski (Earrings)



Most Unusual – Jan Smirnow (Spoon Ring)



Best Costume – Paul Hamlin (Hello Kitty Bracelet)



Best Coin – Mindy Spiroch (Mexican Coin)

No picture available

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Level Four

(Received a silver quarter and certificate)



Ken Lubinski

OTHER GREAT FINDS

Seen on the April Tall Tales Table



APRIL MEETING

With 33 in attendance, our April meeting was opened by President, **Mindy Spiroch**. Mindy greeted four guests: her mother, **Jennie Candiotte**, and aunt **Betty Azar** from CA, plus **Bo Greenwood** of West Palm Beach and **Brian Guam** from Delray Beach.

Frank Nash was recognized for presenting a program on metal detecting at the Coin Club on April 8.

The evening's program was a slide show of the Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach. In only a few short days **Steve Hoskins** produced a wonderful DVD of pictures submitted not only by **Steve** and **Gail**, but also by **Bob Dobski**, **Karen Larson**, **Nikolay Malchev** and **Jan Smirnow**. Everyone had a blast! (See the insert for additional GSBSO details and pictures.)

Thank you to **Elayne Lynch** for providing a wonderful spread of refreshments in honor of her late brother and club member, **Richard Zabriskie**. Some lucky members got to take home leftovers!

A Chinese Raffle was held consisting of four renovated watches that **Paul Hamlin** purchased, repaired and donated to the club to help raise funds.



The lucky winners were:

Gary Spiroch, **Stacey deLucia (2)** and **Jan Smirnow**.

BIRTHDAYS

April birthday celebrants **Bob Konnagan** and **Karen Larson** both received a gold Presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month.

Happy Birthday, guys!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

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)

Donald Miller (5/5)

Nancy Stephens (5/27)

Karen Sweeney (5/3)

Kazhie Zabriskie (5/27)

ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Round – **Mindy Spiroch**

Bounty Hunter Cap – **Carmelo Basilico**

Surprise bag – **Phil Hujar**

Chocolate bunny – **Irving Smith**

Lavender Easter basket – **Phil Hujar**

Garrett water bottle – **Joe Cook**

Three prong digger – **Bob Dobski**

Eyeglass screwdriver set – **Jerry Laur**

Pouch – **Jack Petenbrink**

Insulated ½ gallon water jug – **Jerry Laur**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors: **Elayne Lynch** – chocolate bunny; **Cheryl Petenbrink** – Easter Basket filled with handcrafted items; **Linda Bennett** – Garrett water bottle filled with odds and ends; **Jim Sharp** – eyeglass screwdriver set and **Irving Smith** – Pouch, digger and insulated water jug.*

50/50 DRAWING

Linda Bennett won \$34 for her share of the 50/50 drawing. *Congrats, Linda!!!*

MYSTERY ITEM

New members often wonder “WHAT the heck is a Mystery Item?” Each month one club member volunteers to try to stump fellow members by choosing a secret item (thus the mystery!) 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 quarter! See? So it pays to bring ALL your finds! Sorry guys...the person supplying the Mystery Item does not get the silver quarter if they stump the club. BUT, they DO get a free door prize ticket for their effort!

April's Mystery Item was supplied by **Joe Cook**, and not surprisingly, no one had a similar *lighted Ice Cube!* Joe found that oddity near the swings in Haverhill Park.

BURIED COIN CACHE RECOVERED!

Congrats, **Gary Spiroch**, for finding the buried coin cache! Gary got a \$25 check and the honor of hiding the cache for next time. Gary reported, “We just got back from our cruise; I saw the newsletter's clue was a picture with ‘X marks the spot.’ I recognized the spot because I had been to the park about three times...I jumped in the car and found it. It only took me five minutes!”



POMPANO BEACH CLUB HUNT

Sixteen club members traveled south on Saturday, April 11 for a late afternoon hunt. Two members did some water detecting. The beach was very crowded, so members had a hard time trying to keep their distance from the beach goers. Instead of metal detecting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. during daylight savings time, maybe next time we should try a later hour to avoid the crowds.

The crowded beaches did produce some jewelry and coins. **Irving Smith** found the most money; **Gary McNew** came in a close second. A group of six decided to be adventuresome and ate dinner at a local Peruvian restaurant. The food was fantastic, especially the dessert!

The following items were found:

Gary Spiroch: sterling silver necklace with a hexagon pendant

Irving Smith: ID necklace from a visitor from Columbia

Jerry Laur: a single silver earring

Gary McNew: sterling silver and gold plated earring

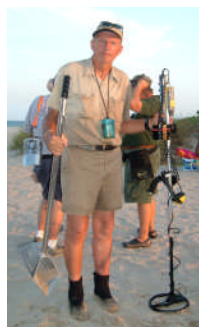
Jack Petenbrink: Pieces of jewelry

Phil Hujar: a gold-colored earring and a container full of pencil lead

Karen Larson: wine opener in perfect condition

Ken Lubinski: sunglasses

Scenes from the beach



Photos by Linda Bennett and Karen Larson

Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure Seminars

Margaret Weller has decided to continue **Bob "Frogfoot" Weller's** tradition and legacy by offering sunken treasure seminars in his honor. Seats will be limited to ten per session, with two four-day sessions available on June 22 – June 25 and July 6 – July 9, 2009. The \$750 fee also includes a day of diving on 1733 treasure ship wrecks in the Keys. Enclosed is an insert which provides more details on the price, times and instructors scheduled for the 2009 sessions.

HAPPY TIDBITS

Linda Bennett welcomed a third grandson, **Luke Kelley**, on April 23, 2009. Luke was 8 lbs, 6 oz. Linda entertained the other two grandsons during a few week period. She is very excited that the oldest grandson kept asking to go metal detecting and look for treasures.

NEW PRODUCT SHOWN AT GSBSO

A new product that makes using your long handled scoop not only easier, but safer for your back, was on display at the Great Southern Beach Shootout. It is called the Pro Handle. Home Depot will be carrying this product, but not in SE Florida for the present time. You can order them through Kellyco.

See the following website for more information:

<http://www.kellycodetectors.com/accessories/longhand.htm>



Deyton Peyton admires the Pro Handle with inventor and CEO, **Frank Saladino**



HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Jimmy Chodan invites anyone who will visit the state of New York during the spring, summer or fall to come hunt with him. He lives 100 miles north of New York City on the Connecticut-Massachusetts border. If you will be in the area, give him a call at 518-567-8168.

Submitted by **Mindy Spiroch**: "We vacation a lot by cruise as it is the best for our family. This cruise, we visited Cozumel, Mexico, where we visited a public beach called Mr. Sancho's Beach. The sand was powdery, white and soft. We found a few coins, but the beach was too crowded so Gary and Jarrett went wave riding instead.

We then visited Belize (no metal detecting here BUT we all did take a zip line tour. That was great!!!!)

NCL has a private island we visited at the end of our cruise and from past experience we knew to wait until the end of the day to hunt. The last tender to our ship was @ 5:00 PM and at about 3:30 people were returning to the ship and the chairs were being moved back by the workers on the island. This is the time to hunt, and we did. I found two silver rings and a bunch of change, Gary found a lot of change as well, but did not find the 14k diamond ring until 5 minutes before we were to return to the ship. He decided to go down one last row of chairs before we were to tender back to the ship. And the great sound of a strong beep was all it took to find this great ring, and of course it fits me perfectly..." (Be sure to see the impressive picture under Monthly Best Finds!)

Wayne and Nancy Stephens recently visited Hawaii. Wayne's report is as follows: "Our metal detecting was a dud; six days of rain on the Big Island took care of that. We did get around 30 minutes on a black sand beach and I found a quarter or so. Nancy just found trash.

In Maui, it only rained three days of six, I tried to get into the water, but it was too rough to pinpoint and Nancy found some coins on the dry sand. The sand there lets you sink quickly - way more than here. That is the area where the waves roll up and your boots fill up with sand quickly. The sand is lighter too and fills your boots very quickly and further out it knocked you around too much. I gave up. I found the same conditions on Oahu except for an area at Waikiki that has a wall built to stop the waves for the kid's areas. I found a dime this time; in 1997 I found a platinum ring there, which I still have. I think we will try Daytona in the future, since it is so close. We probably will do better and at least I can get in the water."

PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Batteries – the life line of the detectors. Always remove battery packs if you are not using your machine within the week. A leaky battery eats up the wires and control boards.

If you have a Minelab Excalibur machine, check the seals and use silicone grease. Do not glob it on. A very thin coat is plenty. Use too much and you will coat the pins that are used for charging the batteries.

TALL TALES

John Lobota reports that a coin dealer loading his car after a coin show in Hollywood, FL accidentally left a display case full of gold and silver Spanish coins on top of his car and took off. A woman drove over the tray. Fortunately, she was able to return the coins to the coin dealer by calling the number on his card.

Jerry Laur read in Western & Eastern Treasure Magazine that a lifeguard had approached a metal detectorist and told him that a piece of jewelry had been lost and a reward was being offered. The lifeguard said he would return the jewelry and give the reward to the hunter. In actuality, the reward was double the amount quoted by the lifeguard!

Nikolay Malchev, a plumber, bartered with an older couple in South Florida who needed to have their toilet repaired. It was going to cost more than they wanted to spend, so they offered Nikolay a White's 4500 with 800 Max Coil in exchange for the repair. Nikolay said the part only cost \$3.50, but he got a free detector out of the deal.

Jim Sharp purchased gold studs for \$3 at a flea market. He also found a Voodoo jar that said "Must Bury Today!" And he did just that – buried it right away!

TIPS

Jim Sharp recommended carrying a First Aid Kit when detecting. He dug up what appeared to be a rusted lawn mower blade and accidentally cut his leg. He ended up with a severe infection and felt that it would not have happened if he had medically addressed it right away

John Presslein recommended to always get a description of the article that you have been asked to find prior to actually using your metal detector.

Cheryl Petenbrink provided a news article stating that you can burn 50 calories in 8 minutes just by walking. Walking is good exercise, but bending, stretching, and lifting make it even better. So, metal detecting is healthy AND good for you! If you pick up trash too, it also sets a terrific example to others and is good PR for our hobby.

BURIED COIN CACHE

FIRST CLUE

Once a month we all gather.....

Item buried is a small vitamin container 2 3/4" long and 1 1/2 " in diameter. It is placed in a Ziploc® bag.



Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Mindy and Gary Spiroch**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25 AND earn the right to bury the next cache! **Good luck everyone! Start digging! Be sure to fill all holes!**

CLUB 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. Notify Jan Smirnow at 561-735-8921 with errors or omissions.

REVISIONS:

Ken Lubinski

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MAY CLUB HUNT

Ben Smith will host another planted hunt on Sunday, May 31st. His hunts are always fun and take longer than 10 minutes to find all the buried items! Prizes will also be awarded. All members are to meet at 8 a.m. sharp at Jupiter Beach for a brief orientation meeting.

Directions: Take I-95 to the Jupiter exit (87A) or take the Turnpike to the Jupiter exit. Go east on Indiantown Road to A1A. Turn north. The first right will be Jupiter Beach Road. Follow this road to the beach. Watch for the club banner. Call Linda's cell phone at 561-352-4068 if you get lost or have questions.

Early birds who wish to have breakfast together 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.

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 Bennett**, who will make sure your donation goes to the right place! **Thanks to everyone who helps! This year's foreign coins will be mailed on June 1 for their hunts on June 10 and 11.**

Letter from Keith Wills

"This is our 13th year we have worked with these great kids and counselors and we could use some help for the two days, even if you can only help one day, please come. We need more foreign coins for this annual project and we did find last year many of the kids really enjoyed toy cars and cheap jewelry tossed out over the field for them to find as well. If you have any of these items (not dirty and broken) that you would love to donate, please send them."

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

NEW: Club Hats with GCTC Logo: \$12.00

Good Will Ambassadors 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. The actions of each of our "Ambassadors of Goodwill" enhance the public's perception of our hobby! Way to go, gang!

Repeat Ambassadors



Tom Lieberman

Returned an Engagement Ring and Wedding Band



Bob Dobski

Returned a Platinum Ring



Irving Smith

Ring

Tom Lieberman found an engagement ring and a wedding band lost at Delray Beach by a visitor from Kissimmee. She had a bus to catch, so Tom mailed the rings to her. He did receive a reward for his efforts.

Bob Dobski was hunting at South Beach when a man approached and asked Bob to travel to Cranden Park to look for a lost platinum ring. The individual had been windsurfing and lost the ring while wrapping up sails. He had drawn a circle in the sand. Bob was able to locate the lost ring on the first sweep along the edge of the circle!

Irving Smith was asked by one of his poker buddies to locate a ring that was lost while the man was washing his car. It only took Irving two minutes to locate the missing item.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 – Club Meeting
May 31 – Club Hunt hosted by Ben Smith
August Meeting: What to Do with Your Finds Contest

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors:

*Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia,
Jan Smirnow, Mindy and Gary Spiroch and Paul Hamlin*

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