

# THE TINFOIL TIMES



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

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 9  
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**

## OCTOBER MEETING

Some of our snowbird members are returning. We all look forward to welcoming them back during our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can catch up. No doubt we'll share "tall tales" about our summer treasure hunting adventures.

During this month's meeting we will have an informal "roundtable" discussion about our experiences dealing with companies that sell metal detecting equipment. Our topic will be: "*Customer Service – or the lack of it - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.*" Whether you buy from a local dealer or a big warehouse mail order company, be ready for a lively exchange about which companies KNOW how to treat their customers right and which ones don't. We welcome YOUR stories. Perhaps you'd had awful service – true HORROR stories - that you want to warn others about. Maybe you've experienced outstanding customer service when someone has gone above and beyond to make you happy. Either way, we want to hear YOUR stories. This is your venue to rant or praise.

Thank you in advance to **Bob** and **Jan Smirnow** for volunteering to provide October refreshments. Jan promises that there will be Halloween-style tricks and treats awaiting us! Also, thank you to **Gary Spirok** for volunteering to try to stump us through his selection of a Mystery Item. We look forward to seeing YOU on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

Catch up with friends, old and new over dinner in the back room of PA BBQ at 5:30 p.m. (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.**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We're searching for a few fresh faces for next year's board. We need members to volunteer to be on the nominating committee and members who would like to "be a part of it all" by serving on the board. We especially encourage new members with fresh ideas to get involved. No experience necessary! We'll even train you! Call **Ernie Bouyoucas** at 561-968-1892 to see how you can help.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

**Betty Laur** has graciously agreed to serve as our Holiday Party Coordinator this year, but she can't do it all alone! We need YOU to help us make this year's party the best one ever! Our Holiday Party will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> and you and your family are invited, but there can't be a party without volunteers! Call Betty at 561-694-7963 or sign up at the October meeting. The first planning meeting will be in October. It won't take a lot of time, but it *will* make a big difference. Please volunteer. It'll be fun!

## CLUB HUNT

Hunt master **Linda Bennett** is looking for volunteers to host club hunts in October and November. If you are interested, please contact her.

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## RAFFLE FOR FISHER F4 METAL DETECTOR

The club's exciting new raffle began at the September meeting and will run through December. Chances will be sold for ONLY \$5. This raffle will be open to anyone interested in the hobby. See page seven for more information on how you can win!

## THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

*Founded in 1973 by Ted Rudd*

### **President**

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Gail Hoskins

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**Librarian:** Cheryl Petenbrink

**Hospitality Hostess:** Betty Laur

**Doorprize Coordinator:** Karen Larson

**Membership:** John Lobota and Jim Sharp

### **Newsletter Co-Editors:**

Linda Bennett and Stacey deLucia

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### **CLUB MAILING ADDRESS**

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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 & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! The new five-sided scoops are available. See my website: [www.rtgstore.com](http://www.rtgstore.com). 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; email: [telieberman@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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.

**JOHN SILLING** – KollectAll 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](http://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!

**JERRY LAUR – FOR SALE:** Hard-bed cover for short-bed truck. New in Jan. Paid over \$800. Will sell for \$450. Call 694-7963.

**NIKOLAY MALCHEV** – Would like to trade my Minelab Excalibur for a Fisher CZ-20. Call 309-1124.

**deLucia Consulting, Inc.** – Stacey deLucia has been a grant writer for nonprofit organizations for more than 14 years, but did you know that she specializes in *persuasive* writing, including professional communications of all types? Newsletters, resumes, editing, copy for web sites, etc. Need an *effective* letter of complaint or appeal? Help with the great American Novel? Special rates for club members. E-mail: [sdeLuc823@aol.com](mailto:sdeLuc823@aol.com) or 561-687-2310.

*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 half-dollar and certificate)*

### BEST GOLD – TOM LIEBERMAN

*14 Kt Ring with Diamonds*

Picture withheld by  
request

### BEST SILVER – JASON PETENBRINK

*Ring with Stone*



### MOST UNUSUAL – TOM LIEBERMAN

*Security Badge*



### COSTUME JEWELRY – JASON PETENBRINK

*Skeleton Ring*



### BEST COIN – BILL GINTY

*Palm Beach Pharmacy Token*



## BEST PLATINUM

**FOUND JANUARY – SEPTEMBER**

*(Winner received a silver half-dollar and certificate)*

### RING WITH DIAMOND

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*Jason Petenbrink*

## GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

*AND THE WINNERS ARE!*

### DOOR PRIZES

1 oz Silver Round – Ed Weston

Ghost Town Book – Gary McNew

Headlamp – Jack Petenbrink

Ring Holder – Ernie Bouyoucas

Travel Cup – Linda Bennett

Treasure Magazines – Carmelo Basilico

Compass – Sam Frost

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: Elayne Lynch donated the travel cup; treasure magazines by Don Caplinger; Ghost Town Book by the late Jim Warnke and headlamp by Linda Bennett.*

### 50/50 DRAWING

Jim Sharp won \$40 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats!

**IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!**

*And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery*

## 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!

### First Time Ambassador



**Gary McNew**  
Returned a Key



**Bruce Marta (Chicago Member)**  
Returned Life Guard Whistle

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On July 31<sup>st</sup> at Montrose Beach, Illinois, **Bruce Marta**, a new member and resident of Illinois, returned a Life Guard Whistle to Guard Kelly, who lost it two weeks before. Bruce is hoping to visit to the club in the near future. When you meet him, give him a warm welcome!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### CHALLENGE LEVEL TWO AND THREE



**Jim Sharp**

*Received two certificates, each with a Silver dime and Silver quarter*

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### WINNERS OF SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT



**Paul Hamlin and Jan Smirnow**  
Tied for First Place!



**Gary McNew – Second Place**

*Each received a pocket scale and the 2008 Red Book of Coins*

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### 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.

**Ken Lubinski** stumped everyone with a drain plug from a boat. No one expected that one! WTG, Ken!

## MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember members who aren't able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger** and **Cheryl Petenbrink**.

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September birthday celebrants **Ernie Bouyoucas**, **Harry Fravert**, **Sam Frost**, **Gary McNew** and **Gary Spiroch** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

**Karl Bennett (10/9)**  
**Wayne Daniels (10/17)**  
**Eva Gorzkowski (10/10)**  
**Kurt Herring (10/28)**  
**Gail Hoskins (10/21)**  
**Jerry Laur (10/18)**  
**Donnie Miller (10/28)**  
**Jan Smirnow (10/27)**  
**Robert Smirnow (10/6)**  
**James Smith (10/31)**  
**Don Sweeney (10/31)**

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

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### PULL TAB CONTEST

If you haven't submitted YOUR guesses in this contest yet, what the heck are you waiting for? **Ken Lubinski** personally counted a *gigantic* container full of pull tabs AND donated a **\$100 prize** so we could have a fun contest and fundraiser. Members and guests are encouraged to 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!** 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! **YOU** could win a portrait of Ben Franklin!

### TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 2008**

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$3,385.29

PLATINUM: 5

GOLD: 93

SILVER: 237

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**\$ 672.73**

## 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. If there are any errors or omissions, notify **Jan Smirnow**: 561-735-8921.*

### NEW MEMBER (RENEWAL)

**Guy Bachman**  
**4262 Mockingbird Drive**  
**Boynton Beach, Florida 33436**  
**Tel No. 561-736-7435**

### REVISION

**Joanne and Joe Keeley**  
**9603 Crescent View Drive North**  
**Boynton Beach, Florida 33437**  
**Tel No. 561-369-1322**

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### RECYCLING & DONATIONS

**Jan Smirnow** still collects cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC. Jan is also collecting pull tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please SAVE yours and give to Jan!

**Stacey deLucia** is responsible for the collection of prescription glasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida.

**John Lobota** will take member donations of metals such as brass, copper and lead weights that we find while metal detecting. He will then take them to the recycling plant to sell for the metal content. Cash raised will help to replenish our treasury, so please see John to donate! Don't let all that digging go to waste!

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### 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**, who will make sure your donation goes to the right place! **Thanks to everyone who helps!**

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### DONATION THANKS

Thanks to **Bob Smirnow** and **Linda Bennett** for their recent donations of pouches.

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### 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

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thirty-nine members and a guest, **Ray Tilson** of Lantana, attended the September meeting. Our timely program was "How to Predict Erosion" presented by **Tom Warnke**, son of long-time GCTC member, the late Jim Warnke. We were happy to have **Bev Warnke**, Jim's widow, with us that evening. Tom is an avid surfer who uses various websites to predict when and where the waves will be the best for surfing. He demonstrated how these websites can be used to our advantage to predict the chances of beach erosion.

Some websites to visit for information include:

[www.surflife.com](http://www.surflife.com)  
[www.Dadecosurf.com](http://www.Dadecosurf.com)

(Look for "Wave Watch III;" which provides predictions for up to 3 days for 120 miles).

In 1997, Tom Warnke founded the Palm Beach chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. The Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots, non-profit, environmental organization that works to protect our oceans and beaches. In his presentation, Tom also discussed environmental concerns, such as dredging and replenishing of the beaches.

For more information, [www.surfriderpb.org/](http://www.surfriderpb.org/)



Thank you, **Joe and Lydia Cook**, for providing delicious refreshments! Thanks also go to **Nikolay Malchev** who helped Linda with the photography while our club photographer, **Steve Hoskins** was out of town. **Nikolay** took the winner's pictures while **Linda** took the close up pictures of the Monthly Best Finds. **Elayne Lynch**, filling in for **Gail Hoskins**, helped **Betty Laur** with ticket sales. Thank you **Elayne**!

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**Jim Sharp** has offered his services to **Greg Parkinson** of the Palm Beach Police Department to help the police in the future. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Jim at 561-966-6986 or email: [dairyman0829@aol.com](mailto:dairyman0829@aol.com)

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## MONTHLY BEST FINDS – COINS

Please be sure that your entry for the Monthly Best Coin category is actually a coin. *Tokens will not be accepted in the future*, other than through the Yearly Best Finds token category.

## JASON'S TIP

Always take a little gold ring, such as a plain baby band, and swipe (air test) it in front of your detector's coil just before you go hunting to make sure that your detector will pick it up. If it picks that up, you are doing good!

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## TALL TALES

**President Ernie Bouyoucas** advised everyone not to metal detect on vacant property without permission from the owner. (Note to all members: *Always* get permission.)

**Jim Sharp** reported that he was metal detecting behind the Ritz Carlton in Lantana recently and was told to leave. He graciously complied. Although the beach is not "owned" by anyone, if you are asked to leave, it is sometimes better to do so without a fuss.

**Paul Hamlin** advised that while water hunting, always watch out for the depth, as there are some deep holes in those cuts. Remember: Safety comes first.

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## MEMBER TIPS

**Stacey deLucia** – Reported that a new decorative "bikini enhancer" is hitting area beaches. Might we soon start seeing these under the "Most Unusual" Category?



"Bikini Blings" – jeweled bathing suit thong decoration

**Linda Bennett** – While in our meetings, remember to either turn off your cell phone or at least put it on vibrate. If you *need* to take that call, please quietly walk outside to talk. I am guilty of this and very embarrassed when this happens while I am doing the hunt master presentations.

**From the Internet** – A tennis racquet makes a great soil sifter...in case you were looking for a soil sifter.

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## SEPTEMBER CLUB HUNT

Nineteen members showed up for a beautiful evening hunt. Three of the younger set either surfed or played in the water. Unfortunately, no one found enough to pay for parking. After two hours of hunting, only **Stacey deLucia** had found a decent piece of jewelry – a silver Ying Yang pendant. While the water was too rough for metal detecting, causing **Jason Petenbrink** to be land-locked, he managed to find a costume earring. **Cheryl Petenbrink** was recuperating from surgery, so she sat on the sidelines and watched. We hope those 6 weeks pass quickly!

Five members later expanded the hunt to a beach further north and had better luck with finding coins. **Linda Bennett** found a very nice ring with stones. You will see it at the next meeting.

## RAFFLE FOR FISHER F4 METAL DETECTOR



- 11-Segment digital target identification and 4-tone audio feedback provides maximum identification of buried objects.
- 3-Digit numeric target value
- One-touch "zap" immediately eliminates unwanted targets
- Water-Proof 11" Open Frame "DD" Biaxial Search Coil
- Frequency 5.9 kHz.
- Pinpoint mode for deepest seeking detection and accurate location
- Coin depth indicator
- Uses two 9 volt alkaline batteries
- 5-Year Limited Warranty

**The Fisher F4 sells for \$399.**

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## WHAT IS THAT RING YOU FOUND WORTH?

Just how much is that old ring worth? This is a common question among treasure hunters. Have you ever stopped to think how much gold you may have accumulated in the rings and other treasures you have found while beachcombing or coin hunting? Here is a breakdown showing how you can determine the amount of pure gold computed from the following equation: Multiply the number of carats (K) by 41.666 and divide by 10.

### Example:

Let's say you found a 9 K ring (excluding diamonds and precious stones):

$9 \times 41.666 = 374.994$  divided by 10 = 37.499% pure gold value.

The following will serve as a quick reference guide:

9K = 37.499% pure gold  
 10K = 41.666% pure gold  
 12K = 50.000% pure gold  
 14K = 58.333% pure gold  
 18K = 75.000% pure gold  
 24K = 100.000% pure gold

So just weigh those rings in troy ounces, multiply by the percentage (%) rating above, then multiply that value by the current gold price and you will know how rich in gold you are! (Thanks to the CFMDC for this article.)



## BEWARE THE DEADLY LIONFISH

The lionfish, a native of the Indo-Pacific Ocean region, is making an appearance off the shores of West Palm Beach in addition in the waters of North Carolina, the Bahamas and the Caribbean. The lionfish belongs to the Scorpion fish family and are often kept in both public and private aquariums. In the ocean they can range in size from a foot to 18 inches long and can grow to be about the size of a football.

This brightly colored fish is usually found around coral reefs or artificial reefs, especially in shallow waters hovering in caves or near crevices.



Lionfish have venomous fin spines that can produce painful puncture wounds. Fatalities, however, are rare. A person punctured by one of the sharp spines will immediately feel strong pain. Rapid swelling of the affected body area develops along with the possibility of making movement of limbs very difficult. Lionfish stings can cause nausea, breathing difficulties, paralysis, convulsions and collapse. Even death may occur in exceptional circumstances. Most people survive in spite of the great pain. The venom in the spines remains active for days, so even discarded spines should be treated with caution. It may take several months for a full recovery and if the sting is left untreated, gangrene may develop.

## First Aid

If you or someone you know gets 'stung' by the venomous spines (all the spines are venomous), you are advised to immerse the wound in hot water for 30-90 minutes. This is thought to improve the blood flow and disperse the venom. Seek medical attention as soon as possible. Local anesthetic agents may provide deep relief in most cases and occasionally a nerve-block may be required. An X-ray of the wound should be performed to detect any presence of broken spines, so any possible infection can be prevented.

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## HAPPY TIDBITS

The Club News and Views Column by Dick Stout in Western and Eastern Magazine continues to recognize various GCTC members. In the August magazine, Jason Petenbrink and Stacey deLucia were noted for their monthly best finds of 14K gold ring with 20 diamonds and a King Leopold II gold coin, respectively. In the September issue, Betty Laur was recognized for her gold diamond tennis bracelet. WTG!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 9: GCTC Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**  
**October Club Hunt (Location & Time TBA)**  
**October 20: Newsletter Deadline**  
**December 11: Holiday Party**  
**December 14: Boy Scout Camp Hunt**  
**January 11, 2009: Boy Scout Camp Hunt**  
**March 14, 2009: TCAS Hunt**  
**March 15, 2009: Boy Scout Camp Hunt**  
**April 3-5, 2009: Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach**

### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS**

*Thanks to the following contributors:*  
*Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia,*  
*Jan Smirnow, Jason Petenbrink and CFMDC.*

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SEE OUR NEWSLETTER IN FULL COLOR:**  
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