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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM FEBRUARY 12
AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE MUSEUM ANNEX
(THE OLD GARDEN CLUB) IN DREHER PARK
IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

OUR CODE OF ETHICS: HAVE PERMISSION AND DO NO HARM

FEBRUARY MEETING

2014 ANNUAL BEST FINDS

It's time for the ANNUAL BEST FINDS CONTEST. Bring your best finds recovered between January 2014 and December 2014 and while you were a member of the GCTC.

Categories will be: Best Gold; Best Gold with Stones; Best Silver; Best Costume Jewelry; Most Unusual; and Best American Coin.

Winners of the 6 major categories will each receive a prize and a certificate. Each member is allowed one entry per category. Winners are decided by the same voting system that we use for the Monthly Best Finds Contest.

In addition to the Find of the Year tables, we will have the normal Find of the Month tables.

While the yearly best finds take front and center - the club will have some fun with Treasure Coast Trivia. Prizes will be awarded.

**JOIN US EARLY AT
TOM SAWYER RESTAURANT**
at 5:15 p.m. before the meeting.
Dutch treat!

3208 FOREST HILL BLVD
PALM SPRINGS, FL 33406

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February

Carmelo Basilico (2/9)
Glen Gamble (2/3)
Amy Hamedl (2/15)
Pauline Nash (2/3)
Cheryl Petenbrink (2/13)
Marilyn Smith (2/5)
Mindy Spiroch (2/3)



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Hunt & Pirate Party / Meal
Saturday, Feb 14.
Meeting time 8:30 am**

*In case of seriously bad weather, rain
date will be the following Saturday*

**We need to know who is attending
by Thurs, Feb 12. Thanks**

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MORE DETAILS



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Sales/Raffle Promoter:

Available

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Librarian: Vern Blausey

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Dues are \$35 a year.

New members pay an

initiation fee of \$5, plus:

\$35 if joining between Jan. 1st

and the end of June,

or \$17.50 if joining between

July 1 and Dec. 31. \$5 extra for

FMDAC membership.

**JANUARY MONTHLY
BEST FIND WINNERS**



Jim Sharp, Gary Spiroch, Ed Morin, Paul Hamlin

**Best Gold with Stones
Jim Sharp**



Pin

**Best Gold
Paul Hamlin**



14K Ring

**Best Silver
Ed Morin**



Necklace

**Best Costume
Gary Spiroch**



Cocktail Ring

**Most Unusual
Jim Sharp**



Hearing Aid

**Best Coin
Jim Sharp**



1916 Silver Dime



Second Place

Gold with Stone - 14K Ring/Diamonds - Gary Spiroch

Gold - Bracelet - Jim Sharp

Silver - Irish Ring - Steve Hamedl

Most Unusual - Mermaid - Steve Hamedl

Costume - Necklace - Tom Lieberman

Coin - \$10 Pesos - Steve Hamedl

MEMBER FOR SALE ADS

Whites Pinpointer II new \$80

Jerry Laur 561-951-1015 jerrylaur@mac.com

Excalibur 2 - 1 year old with a straight shaft. and new unopened carry case. \$1000.00.

Paul Nison: 917-407-2270 if interested

18 Inch Coil with Shaft for Minelab Quattro - \$50/OBO

Wayne Stephens 352-357-9388



SILENT AUCTION IN MARCH

Save all your gently used but unwanted items for our club fundraiser. These items do not have to pertain to metal detecting. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.



**WINNER OF AMERICAN DIGGER
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION**



Linda Bennett

Thank you to American Digger Magazine for the subscription!!



AIA Against All Dealing in Cultural Artifacts - Violators to Be Terminated ... was the headline that caught my eye on US Attorney and respected numismatist, Peter Tompa's excellent and informative [Cultural Property Observer](#) blog. So what's coming down?

Peter Tompa has shown unequivocally that [The Archaeological Institute of America](#) is firmly set against private collecting: *"that it's against all trade and private ownership of archaeological objects, not just those without a collection history dating back before the 1970 UNESCO Convention."*

This excerpt is from John Howland article taken from Stout Standards. To read the entire article:

<https://stoutstandards.wordpress.com/2015/01/28/bubbas-turn-2/#more-13336>

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We need to know who is attending by Thurs, Feb 12.

If you are not detecting you are still invited to attend the Pirate party afterward. Family, friends and those interested in the joining the GCTC are also welcome to attend.

Detecting location to be announced when we meet at John's house and coordinate. The hunt will last from 8:45 to 11:30 am and then we meet back at the Lobota's house for a 12 pm pirate party to share a meal, stories and finds of the day. Sharing your mornings detecting with everyone and voting on the best finds and prize is part of the hunt so plan to stay for this extra time together.

John Lobota's home. 3089 Lillian Road, West Palm Beach, Fl 33406
papertiq@bellsouth.net Ph: 561-628-2629

Be Prepared:

You must bring a Palm Beach area map, detector, pinpointer, digging tools for a park, playground, old house site and a scoop for sand lots...Bring your camera, or phone to take pictures to share afterwards.

Food:

John Lobota will provide BBQ chicken and the club will provide the plates, cups and utensils. Club members are asked to bring a small / med side dish, to share and their own beverages. Let John know what you are planning on bringing so there is a balanced menu.

Directions from north:

*I-95 South, exit west on Forest Hill Blvd approx 1 mile to Congress Ave.
Turn South / left on Congress and stay in right lane. The first traffic light is Lillian Road approx 1/8 mile. Turn right and we are the fourth house on the right with a brick mailbox. Parking for about 10 cars in driveway and across the street. Pull in tight and close to leave room for the next car.*

Directions from south:

*I-95 North, exit west on Forest Hill Blvd approx 1 mile to Congress Ave.
Turn South / left on Congress and stay in right lane. The first traffic light is Lillian Road approx 1/8 mile. Turn right and we are the fourth house on the right with a brick mailbox. Parking for about 10 cars in driveway and across the street. Pull in tight and close to leave room for the next car.*



NEW RAFFLE

A new raffle was introduced at the September meeting which is comprised of a 1/10th gold Eagle, a gold Mexican Dos and an uncirculated Silver Eagle \$. The spots are \$5 each. The winners will be designated by drawing, 1st the Gold Eagle, 2nd the Dos gold coin and 3rd the Silver Eagle.

**\$5 A SPOT
100 SPOTS
3 DRAWINGS -
3 WINNERS**

1st drawing



**1/10 GOLD EAGLE
VALUED AT \$165 +-**

2nd drawing



**1945 Mexican Dos Pesos
valued at \$75 +-**

3rd drawing



**2007 American Eagle one oz
Silver uncirculated coin**

Treasure Coast Archaeological Society

28TH ANNUAL HUNT Saturday, March 7, 2015

The cost is \$120 per hunter for the whole day (all hunts) including 1 lunch.

Entries received before March 1st, 2015, the cost is only \$99 per hunter.

The youth hunt is FREE!!! (but does not include a lunch)

Lunch is available for \$8 for those not participating in the hunts.

******* THE RULES *******

All hunts rain or shine.

You will be given a badge at sign in, you must wear it during all hunts.

Headphones required. No pulse machines or pulse type devices.

NO large shovels, sand/beach scoops or picks!

You must dig and retrieve your own targets!

No coil size limit.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____
Extra Lunches: _____ @ \$8 each Total enclosed: _____

Personal checks, money orders ok. Make payable to T.C.A.S. Print this form and send with payment to:

**TCAS
PO BOX 780-768
Sebastian, FL 32978**

SEVENTH ANNUAL TREASURE HUNTERS COOKOUT!!!!

"Hello fellow treasure hunters, the seventh annual treasure hunters cookout will be held on April 18th at the Pennwood Motorlodge in Wabasso, Florida. if you want a room they are giving anyone attending the cookout a discounted rate. you will need to act fast, in the past all rooms are sold out within about a week! The phone number for the Pennwood is (866)-742-9240 or (772)-589-3855, ask for Virginia and tell her you're with the Treasure Hunters group so you can get the discount.

The Pennwood Motorlodge has a rich history with some of the treasure hunting greats from the good old days having used it as a base with rumors of treasure being hidden there! many shipwreck beaches are within easy driving distance if you want to go exploring. they have a very nice pool, nice grounds and nice covered area that will serve as the main gathering area and shelter if it rains.

Anyone that has been to these cookouts before knows that these cookouts are a great time and I know I look forward to attending each year, catching up with old friends and making new ones, hearing all the great treasure hunting stories(true and false) and making plans for the upcoming season.

There will be food, drinks and treasure to be had. there will be some beer but for the most part you will need to bring your own adult beverages. I'm hoping to have a treasure raffle, so if enough people bring some cool treasure items to raffle off we can do that. I would also like to have a treasure swap meet, bring your treasure hunting related gear or items to sell or swap and a table to set everything on".

Anyone that can send pre cookout cash/check/money order donations to help with the food and misc costs please do so. I can tell you that in the past too much of the load was placed on one person. the more I get the better this cookout will be!!!! Send me a pm and I will give you the address to mail your donation to, or donations can be made as a "gift" by paypal sent to:

seekfind41@yahoo.com

Saturday April 18th
The Pennwood Motor Lodge
9295 N. U.S. Highway 1
Sebastian, FL (actually Wabasso)

I look forward to another great year and really hope to see a few faces that were missing last year!!!!

Thanks,
seeker41

*For more information - treasurenet.com - check
[shipwrecks forum](http://shipwrecksforum.com)*

JANUARY MEETING

Our January Meeting started a little later than usual due to organization of the new board of directors. However, we did finally get off to a good start with 29 in attendance. This meeting was a working meeting. We have two new Board members, Jim Sharp, Vice President and Nick Mosca, Treasurer; both of whom really want to work for the membership. At this meeting ideas abounded! Lots of input from the membership, evidently we have a very strong interested membership! Which is great, the Board needs all the help you, the member, can give.

Secretary Jan Smirnow thanked everyone in attendance for their help in the Holiday Party. She further related that the club will be having a Silent Auction in March and asked those present to contribute any items they have (does not have to be metal detecting related) and to come early (6:30) in March for the upcoming auction. She reported we have 46 spots left in the Gold and Silver raffle \$5 a spot.

Our New Treasurer, Nick Mosca, reported a total in the bank of \$1015.00 plus or minus. The Board has elected to open the club checking account in a different bank. Reason being a \$12 fee per month, where if you do the numbers it amounts to four member dues a year.

In particular John Lobota is working very closely with our new vice president and the rest of the board. You can expect an invite to John and Tammy Lobota's place in the ensuing months, it will be a Pirate Party – coffee and water will be available – anything else byo, snacks byo. The purpose of this upcoming event is for the exchange of ideas, hunt techniques, treasure hunting results, etc. When you get that call or email, don't miss out! It will be interesting and fun!

Mindy Spiroch has volunteered to help out with the monthly Best Finds, but we still need volunteers and ideas to coordinate a Hunt Master Team. The object of the team is to plan monthly hunts to be put together by our members. We already have three hunts planned for this year, Jim Sharp's on 1/24, John & Tammy Lobota for February and Ben Smith's Hunt for later this year. Please contact any of the Board members if you are interested in helping or participating. You will not be alone, we just need help with the team and planning.

John Lobota is, also, planning a "Buddy Hunt" for February, details will follow! This will be a totally different hunt, a surprise hunt! In March we will have a special surprise, a local trip to a special location, more to follow!

We had two volunteers for the Librarian position, Vern Blausey express interest, but wanted to think about it, so Gary Spiroch said he would do the job. A few minutes later Vern Blausey advised the Board and membership that he would really like to do the job. Gary Spiroch quickly resigned ("the shortest tenure in history" – kiddingly by Nick Mosca)

John Lobota received a Certificate for the return of a ring to the rightful owner.

Door prizes were won by

Jim Sharp – Garrett Donation of "The World's Richest Shipwrecks" by Robert and Jennifer (daughter) Marx.

Amy Hamedl – Garrett Donation of Foldable Headphones
Ed Perry (via Jim Sharp, second win) Gator painting donated by Seashore Gifts.

Paul Hamlin – 2 sets of 16 batteries each
Michael Krysiwicz - Cameo Garrett Metal Detecting Bag
Donated by Garrett (3rd prize for lucky Jim Sharp)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: February 12, 2015
Club Hunt/Pirate Party: February 14, 2015
TCAS Hunt: March 7, 2015
Central Florida Sunshine and Relic Hunt: April 11-12, 2015
April 18, 2015: 7th Annual Treasure Hunters Picnic

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.apex-ephemera.com/gctc/>

Also check out:

<http://www.treasurechests.net/>