

# THE TINFOIL TIMES



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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM JUNE 11  
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*

## JUNE MEETING

June is for everything WATERMELON! The club will be supplying watermelon slices, napkins, drinks (sodas, water and tea) and a snack. What more could you want than a cold slice of watermelon and meeting with fellow members for a light evening of tall tales?

Jan Smirnow recently returned from searching for shark teeth which are over 10,000 years old and will give a short discussion with pictures on the "Peace River" and the Gainesville Natural Science Museum as well as the Homosassa (a preserve for manatees).

**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



### June

Carla Anchors (6/13)  
Paul Hamlin (6/9)  
Diane Lavoie (6/7)  
Kenneth Lubinski (6/14)  
Nick Malchev  
Karen Schneider (6/3)  
Margaret Weller (6/16)



## KEEP IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy to Irving and Marilyn Smith for the loss of their son, Darrell, age 57, of Jupiter, who passed away May 11, 2015 due to an illness.

Frank Nash is recuperating from his surgery on June 5. Currently he is in ICU and not able to have visitors.



### President:

Frank Nash  
786-269-5744

### Vice-President:

TBA

### Secretary

Jan Smirnow  
561-735-8921

### Treasurer

Nick Mosca  
954-981-7179

**Huntmaster:** Available

**Refreshments:** Gary Spiroch

**Photographer:** Steve Hoskins

**Librarian:** Vern Blausey

**Hospitality Hostess:** Available

**Prize Coordinator:** Jan Smirnow

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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.

**MAY MONTHLY  
BEST FIND WINNERS**



**Steve Hamedl - winner in all categories**

**Best Gold with Stone  
Steve Hamedl**



**10 Kt Ring-Diamonds**

**Best Gold  
Steve Hamedl**



**18 Kt Bracelet**

**Best Silver  
Steve Hamedl**



**Ring**

**Most Unusual  
Steve Hamedl**



**Go Pro Camera and Wand**

**Best Costume  
Steve Hamedl**



**Class Ring**

**Best Coin  
Steve Hamedl**



**Brazil Real**

**Ranger Remote Control Metal Detector  
An RC Car and Metal Detector in One**

Treasure hunters can drive this metal detector on wheels through any rugged terrain, thanks to high-traction tires and a powerful, 30-foot-range remote control transmitter. Spy out objects over walls and around corners using the adjustable periscope. Think you hit pay dirt? Use the digging tools to uncover your golden treasure! Includes four gold coin replicas to use for honing your treasure hunting skills and easy-to-follow instructions. Uses one 9V and four AA batteries (sold separately). \$79.99 on Mindware.com



**MEMBER FOR SALE ADS**

“The American Dream” by Margaret Weller is June 8 through 11. Tuition has been reduced to \$750. If interested call Margaret Weller, Lady Gold Diver, 561-588-2903 or email: [bobfrogfoot@comcast.net](mailto:bobfrogfoot@comcast.net)

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**18 Inch Coil with Shaft** for Minelab Quattro - \$50/OBO  
Wayne Stephens 352-357-9388  
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**Good Will Ambassadors**

**Performing Random Acts of Kindness**

Each month, 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.

**REPEAT AMBASSADORS**



**Pauline Nash**

Platinum wedding band

**Vern Blausey**

Wedding Band  
1969 Poly Tech Ring



**ONGOING CLUB PROJECTS**

Our club collects eye glasses, foreign coins, miscellaneous items of costume jewelry/tokens/metal toys, pull tabs, and empty ink cartridges. Give to Jan Smirnow.



**Federation Of Metal Detector  
and Archaeological Clubs**

Historic Gettysburg, PA  
October 23 & 24, 2015 in conjunction with the Autumn Civil War Show

Saturday Morning Open Hunt  
Sunday features two hunts, open meeting, seminars and raffles

**MORE INFORMATION AT MEETING**

## MAY CLUB HUNT

The Ben Smith Hunt on Saturday May 30th was a huge success in spite of the running event on the bridge! Some of us had to drive 6 or 7 blocks beyond the park and make an unauthorized turn with the police admonishing us! Ed Weston tried but got turned aside so he could not make the hunt. The hunt started with donuts and coffee. Ben and Linda Bennett gave the instructions for the hunt. One and a half hours later, Ben called an end to the planted hunt! Yes, some of us diehards were still out there!

Prizes were given for such interesting finds as green ribboned junk (spoons, forks, bracelets, etc.). As usual Ben out did himself. Over 1000 items were planted, including 6 tennis balls (only three were found). The tennis balls were for prizes (I think it was a test to see who would pick up junk). Linda Bennett found the item that won the gold prize, a vial of gold pieces! A HUGE THANK YOU BEN! All 13 hunters enjoyed the hunt and hope Ben will do it again soon!

*Respectively Submitted by Jan Smirnow*



**Pictures by Ben Smith and Betty Laur**

## MAY MEETING

Our Pot Luck Dinner and Meeting was a huge success! Thirty-two happy to be here faces and lots of good home cooked (well maybe the cole slaw and potato salad were store, but then again so were the pies) fixings. The membership greeted some past members, Guy Bachman and Stacey DeLuca. It was good to see Nancy and Wayne Stephens, they no longer live locally but are still members. (for over 20 years).

The meeting was opened by our president Frank Nash with the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag. May Birthday Dollars were collected by John Lobota and Nancy Stephens.

Nick Mosca, Treasurer, reported a grand total of \$1578 in the treasury! Looks like we will be able to have a Memorial Hunt in the fall when the snowbirds return.

Our Secretary reported we now have copies of the supposedly final Club Directory. She printed the Directory on dark yellow card stock as well as a new Cell Phone list designated by the area where the members live. Copies will be available at each meeting on the Tall Finds Table. A copy of the contract we have with the Science Museum is also available, we have a corporate contract and each member is entitled to benefits. Check it out; pick up a copy next month.

Linda Bennett presented our Second Place Female Hunter of the Year Award finally to Ashley Wedde! Devin Stehr and Ashley Wedde are a couple and they have been absent from the club for almost a year. For a year both have had serious health issue but are now on the road to full recovery and metal detecting!

Member Paul Hamlin is trying to get permission for the club to do an old baseball field.

Gary Spiroch, Refreshment Committee Chair reported that he has gotten written permission for an area that was used for carnivals and other events. At this meeting it was proposed to have the Hunt on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 a.m. Details will follow by email or phone for those who do not have email.

Participation in the Best Finds of the Month was really sparse this month. Steve Hamedl walked away with all of the categories. Are we all taking a break? I know it has been pretty hot and I have just not gotten out there. Let's try to have a record Finds month in June!

Gary Spiroch provided the Mystery Prize Stumper. Gary fooled everyone with a flashlight bulb! Amy Hamedl volunteered to bring in the Mystery Item for June.

Vern Blausey received two Certificate of Awards for returning a wedding band and a 1969 Poly Tech ring. Pauline Nash received a Certificate of Award for returning a platinum with stones wedding band to the rightful owner.

The Treasurer reminded the membership that we have new logo t-shirts for sale.

Paul Hamlin was the grand prize winner of almost all of the Door Prizes, which he promptly donated back to the club!

Nancy Stephens won the 50/50 prize of \$16. She later told me that it was the first time she has ever won (after all her years as a member)!

The 3 Coin Raffle finally sold out and the winners were:

Treasurer, Nick Mosca the 1/10<sup>th</sup> Gold Eagle (he bought 13 spots)

Member Daniel Pecorco the Dos Mexican gold coin

Member Cheryl Petenbrink the Silver Dollar

The meeting was adjourned by Frank Nash.

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Smirnow, Secretary*



## Sharks Teeth in Palm Beach

PALM BEACH, Fla. - Ever since the beach renourishment project ended at Midtown Palm Beach, beach goers like Lauren Young have been pulling up shark teeth by the hundreds. "Once I found that first tooth I couldn't stop, I mean I see them everywhere. I am walking and look down and there's one, I'm walking fast and I look down and there's one," said Lauren.

Mike Leach also hunts the teeth down. "Normally I would never even think about looking for a shark tooth because I know they are super rare [here]." Now that's changed, he's collected 150. "You'll look here or there sometimes you won't see one, and then in one spot you'll see 5 or 6 just sitting there to pick," said Mike.

Mike's best find yet? A 2-inch great white shark tooth. "I started screaming and yelling, people are looking at me like I'm crazy but I couldn't help it, it was so awesome to find this thing."

Dr. Joy Young, a fish biologist with the FWC, thinks it's a pretty awesome find too. "Oh wow! These are all fossilized meaning that they are millions of years old. Some of these can represent species that we have today, and some might be species that are extinct," Dr. Young said.

Some of the known species she points out are tiger sharks, great whites and hammer heads. So why all the teeth here?

Well, the borrow site for the sand that was pumped on the beach sits off Singer Island, which is right in the middle of a shark super highway.

Grant Gilmore, a shark expert with Estuarine, Coastal and Ocean Science, Inc. said, "You do have animals that are packed in there, it's like I-95 and the turnpike come together at Palm Beach, you're going to have a concentration of animals that we know migrate down the coast".

There is nearly 1 million cubic tons of sand to sift through. You can bet there will be more popping up. "Basically ever since then I've had the stoke for finding them and kind-of obsessed over it".