

# 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. NOVEMBER 13  
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*

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November 13<sup>th</sup> program will feature a video about our favorite past time: **Treasure Hunting!** That night, we will also hold the election of officers. Nominations will be welcome from the floor! Everyone is encouraged to consider a role on our board or on a committee (see article below). Also, bring all your treasures and display them on the Tall Tales Tables. In December we'll celebrate our Holiday party, so there will be *no displays* that month. Don't forget: January 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to pay 2009 dues to avoid the \$5 initiation fee. So, why not pay early?

Thanks in advance to volunteers **Karen Larson** for bringing Refreshments and to **Stacey deLucia** who will try to stump us with a "Mystery Item." We'll see YOU on November 13!

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

## 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 N. Dixie Hwy (US 1)  
Lake Worth, Florida**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Gary McNew** and **Paul Hamlin** have graciously agreed to serve on our nominating committee this year. Don't be surprised if they call YOU to see if you'd like to serve on our board of directors. If you want to *get involved* and make a difference, please call Gary: (561) 784-1088 or Paul: (561) 582-1295 ASAP! **We'll be voting on a new slate of officers at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.** *Fresh faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!*

## NEXT CLUB HUNT – ONLY DAYS AWAY!!!

**Ben Smith** will host the next club hunt on **November 9** at Jupiter Beach. The hunt will start promptly at 8:00 a.m., so be parked and ready to hunt by 7:45 a.m. A nominal fee of \$2 will be charged. Ben's hunts are always fun – and he has been "thinking outside the box" on this one, so count on surprises AND nice prizes. If you are going, you **MUST RSVP** directly to me by calling my cell: 561-352-4068 or home phone: 561-791-7682, or by e-mailing me at [labennettuk@yahoo.com](mailto:labennettuk@yahoo.com). Ben requests that no competition baskets be used; only your regular collection aprons or pouches. Hope you can all make it!

## Directions to Jupiter Beach:

Take I-95 or the Turnpike to the Indiantown Road exit in Jupiter. Go East on Indiantown Road to A1A. At A1A, turn north. Make the first right turn, which is Jupiter Beach Road. Follow the road into the park and then look for the club banner.

*Early birds will meet at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Please join us! Directions: I-95 to 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Go west on 45th. Turn left on Metrocentre Blvd. Follow Metrocentre to the end of the street. See you there!*  
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## RAFFLE FOR FISHER F4 METAL DETECTOR

In September we started an *exciting* new raffle that will run through December. Chances will be sold for **ONLY \$5**. This raffle is *open to anyone interested in the hobby*, so tell your hunting buddies, near and far. See page seven for more information on how you can win!

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
\$ 640.65**

## THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

*Founded in 1973 by Ted Rudd*

### **President**

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Linda Bennett and Stacey deLucia

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### **CLUB MAILING ADDRESS**

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206 Russell Dr  
Lake Worth, FL 33461

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 – gold and silver with Diamonds**

Picture withheld by  
request

**BEST SILVER – LINDA BENNETT**  
**Ring with Stones**



**MOST UNUSUAL – BILL GINTY**  
**Antique Toy Truck**



**COSTUME JEWELRY – TOM LIEBERMAN**  
**Watch**



**BEST COIN – LINDA BENNETT**  
**1964 Silver Dime**



## GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

**AND THE WINNERS ARE!**

### DOOR PRIZES

1 oz Silver Round – Cheryl Petenbrink  
Beach Bank & Research Books – Jan Smirnow  
Headlamp – Elayne Lynch  
Treasure Magazines – Jason Petenbrink  
Gun Lock – Linda Bennett  
Treasure Magazines – Carmelo Basilio  
Tool Bag with silver quarter – Jim Sharp  
World Clock - Linda Bennett  
Two Melting Pot Coupons - Les Batts  
Two Lotto Scratch-off Tickets - Jerry Laur  
Lotto Scratch-off Ticket - Karen Larson  
Halloween Candy - Ken Lubinski  
Halloween Candy - Nikolay Malchev

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: Kevin Reilly donated two books - The Beach Bank and Treasure Research; Stacey deLucia donated the gun lock and Melting Pot coupons; treasure magazines donated by Don Caplinger and Linda Bennett; Ernie Bouyoucas donated the world clock; tool bag with silver coin donated by Linda Bennett; headlamp donated by Bob Smirnow; Halloween candy by Jan Smirnow and lotto tickets donated by Elayne Lynch.*

### 50/50 DRAWING

Joe Cook won \$32 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats!

### IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

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

### 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.

Gary Spiroch stumped everyone this month with a product bar code. No one had one on the tall tales table. Sometimes it seems that the STRANGEST things get lost on the beach! WTG Gary!

## 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!

### Repeat Ambassadors



**Ken Lubinski**  
**Returned Keys**



**Bob Smirnow**  
**Returned Gold Toe Ring**  
**Returned Gold Diamond Ring**



**Jan Smirnow**  
**Returned "i-Phone"**  
**Returned Keys**



**Gail Hoskins**  
**Returned Gold Wedding Band**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### CHALLENGE LEVEL ONE



**Gary McNew**  
**Received a Certificate and Indian Head Penny**  
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### RECENT RETURNS

**Ken Lubinski** – Returned keys to their rightful owner in Daytona Beach. "I passed a father and daughter on the beach; twenty minutes later the man approached me and asked "can you help me out?" He had dropped his car keys in the water. I worked for half an hour; the area was fairly clean, very little junk, and I found his keys! He said "oh my gosh, my golly - those things really work!"

**Bob Smirnow** – Returned a 14kt gold band with four champagne diamonds to the rightful owner. "Behind a fancy hotel, really early a.m., a young girl approached me and asked me to help her find her ring. She had lost it in this area by the lifeguard stand playing volleyball. I found it almost exactly where she lost it. It was a beautiful ring!"

**Gail Hoskins** - The unique details of Gail's recovery of this wedding band will be published in the December newsletter. Believe us - it's a doozey of a story!

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**Paul Hamlin** models the latest fashion to wear while water hunting.



## 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.*

### REVISION

**Ede Masterson**  
1032 Hunters Trace  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

**Bob Dobski**

New email: kb8wjf2@yahoo.com

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## RESEARCH TIPS ON THE INTERNET

From GoMetalDetecting.com

<http://gometaldetecting.com/tips-water-hunting.htm>

There are *many* ways to find new hunting spots. If you have time, you could research sites the old fashioned way, by going to the library and digging through dusty old books and maps. Another way is to go to the Palm Beach County Historical Society. Or, think outside the box to find old beach pictures and/or postcards. Garage sales, estate sales and antique shows are good sources for old postcards and photos. A more modern approach, though, is to go to [Ebay.com](http://ebay.com) and type in the name of your town or state. We'll bet your eyes will pop out in response to what you find there! This is by far our favorite way of research.

Another site for postcards -

The Florida Postcard Collection

<http://scholar.library.miami.edu/cards/>

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## SCENES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING



Plenty of Halloween Treats supplied by Jan Smirnow



Elayne Lynch  
and  
Jason Petenbrink



Bruce Marta  
and  
Nikolay Malchev

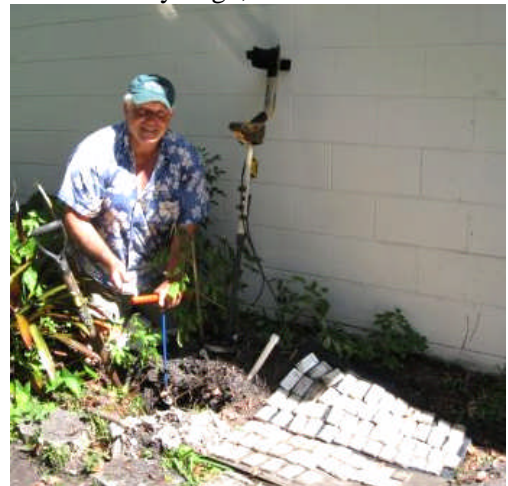
## Tales of Buried Treasure from CFMDC

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club located in Sanford, FL was contacted by a couple asking for help to find a cache of silver bars they buried 36 years before. Since 2005, the couple, John and Martha, had been trying to find the cache. They went to the corner of the house and started digging to recover the silver, but they couldn't find it. Off and on for the next *three years* the owner would dig deep holes under his house wall and slab. At one time his trench was over 12'. Eventually, a friend of his tried using a metal detector to recover the cache, but the steel rebar in the wall and slab kept making the detector go crazy with its chattering each time they got near the house wall and concrete slab.

John began blaming himself, thinking his mind was playing tricks on him. After all, the silver had been buried for 36 years! He could have sworn it was under the corner slab of the house. They traveled a lot in those early days and were often gone. Had someone dug it up while they were traveling? He needed to know and reached out to the CFMDC for assistance.

**Roland (Rolo) Davis** of CFMDC agreed to help the couple. Using a Minelab Explorer XS with a 7" coil and a Sun Ray target pinpointer, Rolo and Digger, his Jack Russell Terrier, immediately got to work. After many hours of digging, the hole was 4 feet deep and 8 ft long – but there was no signal. He even used a 5 foot steel probe with no success. The wife arrived and said it was further away from the house. Then Rolo spent time probing every 6 inches from the wall of the house. On his third pass along the twelve-foot section of the wall and 4 feet away from the house he hit a solid mass buried at a depth of 4 feet. Finally, after digging a shallow hole, he got a faint signal from his detector. Using a shovel, Rolo proceeded to recover **84 - 10 troy oz bars, valued at \$18,160.00!**

Rolo was rewarded with a pizza for lunch and two of the silver bars. He was also given permission to hunt the 1944 house site. Way to go, Rolo!



Keep swinging and enjoy life.

**Roland (Rolo) Davis**  
CFMDC

## OCTOBER MEETING

President **Ernie Bouyoucas** called our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to order with 28 in attendance. Chicago Member **Bruce Marta** made it to his first meeting, as did Philadelphia guest Paul. A nominating committee is being formed to recruit members for our 2009 board. Members **Gary McNew** and **Paul Hamlin** volunteered to help. Call Ernie (561-968-1892) if you can help on this important committee or are interested in serving on the Board.

**Betty Laur** has graciously volunteered to coordinate the Holiday Party. If you'd like to help, please call Betty at 561-694-7963. The committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on November 5 at Betty's house. Your ideas are welcome!

**Linda Bennett**, Hunt Master, advised everyone that fellow member and treasure hunter **Bob Weller** was critically ill. A card was signed and sent to Margaret. (We are sad to report that we've since lost our friend Bob. Please see the insert for more about Bob's life.)

Linda announced upcoming changes regarding our Silver Awards, due to difficulty finding anyone willing to sell silver. "It's just not available; people are afraid to let it go and are holding on to it. Starting in November, we'll have to cut back on silver prizes."

Our program, "Customer Service – Or the Lack of it - The Good, Bad and The Ugly," allowed for a lively exchange. Several members shared stories about various companies. The majority reported good service. Thank you, **Jan Smirnow**, for providing a ghoulish spread of Halloween refreshments and decorations.

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## TALL TALES

**Ken Lubinski** – returned a lost ring to the rightful owner. "I got a call from someone named Megan. She wanted to know how much it would cost for me to look for her ring. I told her no charge. She said she lost it in the water, so I searched back and forth for quite some time, found a junk ring, but no real one. So I asked her if she was *sure* she was in *this* area. She said 'I threw the ring from the sidewalk to the water (pond).' I went over and found the ring 15 feet from the pond - in the grass!

**Nikolay Malchev** had a unique experience at a pawn shop. A man was trying to sell \$20 gold pieces, but was not happy with the price they were offering. Nikolay paid him \$500, then had it evaluated – it was worth \$1,100!

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## JASON'S TIP

Look for "horse shoe cuts" in the wet sand that have a lot of whole shells in them. Hunt those cuts really carefully. *That* is where the gold gathers. The whole shells are heavier and for some reason it seems that jewelry and the coins gather there. This also applies to water hunting.



October birthday celebrants **Kurt Herring**, **Gail Hoskins**, **Jerry Laur**, **Jan Smirnow** and **Bob Smirnow** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

**Leslie Batts (11/27)**  
**Mitzi Bergrud (11/13)**  
**Linda Bowen (11/5)**  
**James Gilliece (11/22)**  
**Dave Grix (11/4)**  
**Gay Konnagan (11/14)**  
**Tom Lieberman (11/8)**  
**Paola Nash (11/1)**  
**Frank Nash (11/14)**  
**Barbro E. Rosenberg (11/15)**  
**James Wilhelm (11/12)**

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

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## MEMBER TIPS

**Les Batts** reported that it must not actually be "forbidden" to metal detect at Singer Island municipal beach, despite what the signs state. He watched a metal detectorist doing it right in front of the lifeguard stand!

**Kurt Herring** reported that the Jupiter Pier is now closed at sunset due to a crime spree.

**Nikolay Malchev** bought a watch at Divers Direct on Northlake at an affordable closeout price that gives both the tide and moon phases.

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## DONATION THANKS

Thank you to **Kevin Reilly** of **Reilly's Treasured Gold** who donated books that he has written and an apron. The apron is an example of printed items that he is now manufacturing. Call Kevin if you'd like him to make a t-shirt with your own design. See his ad on page two.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

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

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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

## 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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## RECYCLING & DONATIONS

**Jan Smirnow** 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 still collecting prescription glasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida.

**John Lobota** will accept 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. All 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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## TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008

**AS OF OCTOBER 2008**

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$3,650.62

PLATINUM: 5

GOLD: 98

SILVER: 248

## Membership Renewal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please \_\_\_\_\_ DO \_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT

Include my name, address, phone # & e-mail address in the new club directory.

(Note: directory goes to members ONLY.)

MAIL TO:

**Gold Coast Treasure Club**

**Ken Lubinski**

**PO Box 1818**

**Hobe Sound, FL 33475**

## 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 CASH (!!!) 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!** Contest OPEN to ALL!



***Pull tab contest: You can't win, if you don't play!!!***

## NOTES FROM THE LILY PAD

by "Frogfoot"

The Truth about Pirates is...

One of the many myths that rattle around in avid readers' cages is the one that conjures up a vision of pirates digging a hole in the beach, probably twelve paces from a rock or old oak tree, then burying a chest of gold, silver, and jewels. Appropriately, the diggers are promptly shot, or beheaded, and their bodies thrown upon the chest and the hole filled in with sand. The dead diggers would guard the treasure until the pirates returned. How many times have we seen this in old Errol Flynn movies? Well, for the record, very few—if any— chests of treasure were ever buried by pirates. That includes Blackbeard, Billy Bowlegs, Anne Bonny, and any other famous cut-throats you have read about.

Truth is, as soon as the "buccaneers" captured a few ships (and not all of them had treasure on board) they would head for the nearest port and splurge it on wicked, wicked women, rum, and other necessities of life. I doubt if that included a hot bath. As soon as they ran out of money...it was off to sea again. They really never had time to bury any money, and of course, they never trusted anyone, even their blood brothers, to keep it a secret where their loot had been buried. The pirates stood a good chance of never being able to return to the "deserted island" where the chest was buried twelve paces from the old oak tree. So when a stranger on the street corner offers to sell you a "pirate treasure map", sell him the Brooklyn Bridge instead.

I should better describe "pirates" as such, I've been accused of being one many times. Pirates were actually out-of-work sailors, and they banded together like the mafia because there was strength in numbers. They chose a leader, another out-of-work sailor that had a bit of a knack for leadership, and called him "captain". If they didn't agree with where he wanted to go, or if he wasn't aggressive enough, they chose another leader. I don't think they made the old leader walk the plank, unless he was a Green Bay cheesehead. One of the largest sources, or pools, of out-of-work sailors occurred around 1713 when the British discharged 35,000 sailors. Queen Ann's War was over, and Old England just couldn't afford to have them on the payroll. So all of a sudden here were a bunch of

sailors that had to make a living, and the only thing they knew how to do was sail ships, fire cannons, board ships with boarding cutlasses, and put up with scurvy. The "Golden Age of Piracy" was born.

The law among pirates was simple, "No prey, no pay". So after the business at hand was taken care of—the capture of a wealthy merchant ship—the division of loot went something like this: The captain, or leader, usually got five or six shares, the chief bos'n two shares. The carpenter, or shipwright, who ca-reened, mended, and rigged the ship usually got 100 to 150 pieces-of-eight. For future provisions and victualing they set aside 200 pieces-of-eight. The surgeon usually got 200 to 250 pieces-of-eight.

One of the cardinal rules was that a pirate injured in battle would be adequately taken care of. So, if he lost his right arm he got 600 pieces-of-eight (or six slaves), for a left arm only 500 pieces-of-eight. For a right leg 500 pieces-of-eight (or five slaves), and for a left leg 400 pieces-of-eight. Yes, pirates DID have wooden legs. For the loss of an eye, 100 pieces-of-eight (or one slave), and the same 100 pieces-of-eight for the loss of a finger or hand.

Often, if the ship they captured was better rigged, or cleaner than their own, they transferred to the other ship and burned the old one.

How about parrots, did they REALLY have parrots perched on their shoulder, singing bawdy songs or swearing in a seamanlike manner? The answer is YES, they did take a liking to parrots, because they didn't eat much, they drank less water than a dog (unless rum was available), and they could talk up a storm and keep everyone amused.

How about walking the plank? I don't think so! It was too easy to just hack the enemy's head off and toss him to the sharks. They did "keel haul" an occasional captive in an effort to make him talk and tell where the treasure was hidden aboard ship. (Then they killed him.) A pirate saying, "cat in the pan", meant someone that "changed sides", or changed stories to suit the occasion.

Enough for now harpies, sing a song, drink a bit of rum or wine, and we'll tell you more about the Spanish Main on our next cruise through the Lily Pad.

=Frogfoot=

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## BOB "FROGFOOT" WELLER 1925 - 2008

Bob was a favorite annual speaker for our club. Each time he was our scheduled presenter, we could count on an unusually large attendance, which included members from other area clubs, all eager to hear about his adventures. Not only was Bob generous with his time and his stories, but he possessed a generous spirit. He happily displayed his treasures so attendees could *touch and feel* the history that he brought to the ocean's surface, often centuries later. He also donated many of the books that he authored to our club library. These popular books are checked out on a regular basis. Extra copies were given to be used as raffle items. Bob often gave permission to reprint articles from various publications in our newsletters and on our club website. (See insert for another reprinted article that Bob authored.)

When Bob joined the club in 1985, he became an active member, even serving as vice-president in 1990. As he became more involved with his successful salvage and writing careers, however, his monthly involvement with the club had to come to an end. But he, along with his wife Margaret, would continue to be involved on an annual or semi-annual basis through their special presentations. Bob would continue his visits even during his last five years, despite the many health issues he had to deal with.

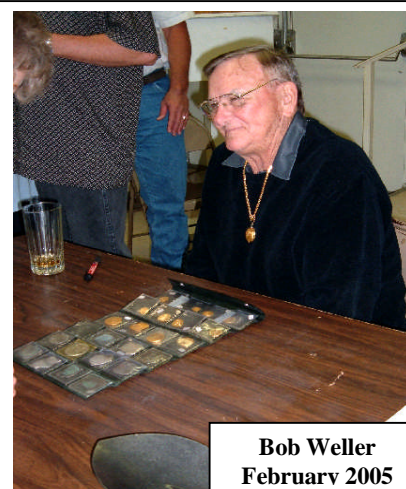
The Gold Coast Treasure Club extends our deepest sympathy to Bob's wife and soul mate, Margaret, and to his surviving children and other family members. His beautiful displays of treasures and his writings will keep his memory alive. May these memories give comfort to Bob's family and friends who were so clearly the greatest treasures in his life.



March 1996



January 2007



Bob Weller  
February 2005



Jim Warnke, Bob, Richard Zabriskie  
April 2004



February 2005



Linda Bennett and Bob Weller  
January 2007



Frank Meade and Bob  
March 1996

**UPCOMING EVENTS - Note that Club Hunt Before Meeting!!!**

**November 9: Club Hunt**  
**November 13: GCTC Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**  
**November 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:*

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