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

APRIL MEETING

A large group of GCTC members is heading to Daytona Beach this weekend for the **Great Southern Beach Shootout**. Our April 9th meeting will feature a lively recap of the GSBSO activities. Last year **Linda Bennett** presented a highly entertaining slide show, which aptly punctuated the many Tall Tales that participants shared about the weekend, during which, six of our club members found top 50 tokens! Our members won \$5,000, \$2,000, \$600, \$500, a box of silver bars, and a metal detector! Come to the April meeting to learn what goodies they raked in this year. And to see what trouble they got themselves into. (Betty, keep an eye on Jerry this year!)

A big thank you goes out to **Elayne Lynch** for volunteering to bring the refreshments and to **Joseph Cook** for agreeing to bring the Mystery Item.

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**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT
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***Good luck to the group traveling to Daytona
for the Great Southern Beach Shootout!***

APRIL CLUB HUNT – FOR NIGHT OWLS

Let's take advantage of the time change and get out there to enjoy the longer evening sunlight. Our next club hunt will be a "wild hunt" on Saturday, April 11th at the Pompano Beach pier. Please meet at 5:00 p.m. in the municipal parking lot across from the pier. Unfortunately, we *will* have to pay for parking, so come prepared. (Carpool anyone?) For those who use GPS, the address of the pier is: 222 North Pompano Beach Boulevard. Directions from I-95: exit at E. Atlantic Blvd. / FL-814 E. Go east for 0.8 miles, then turn north, or left, on North Pompano Beach Blvd. It is 0.2 miles to the pier.

MAY CLUB HUNT – FOR EARLY BIRDS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 31st for a planted morning hunt that will be hosted by **Ben Smith**. "SAVE THE DATE" for this event, which will be held at Jupiter Beach. More details will follow in the May newsletter.

CONTEST COMING IN AUGUST! "WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FINDS"

Back by popular demand, our August meeting will test the limits of GCTC members' creativity through a little contest we like to call "What to Do with Your Finds!" Members will be challenged to submit entries made out of their finds. In years past, we've seen some pretty creative entries and we expect this year to be just as interesting. Silver prizes will be awarded in three categories: **Most Creative**, **Best Display** and **Most Unusual**. So, start thinking about what YOU can do to give your finds new life! Members are not limited to the number of entries that they can submit. If you need inspiration, check out our club website for pictures of last year's contest:

<http://www.geocities.com/gctreasureclub/index.html>

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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! See my 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. Purchased for \$30 each. Two (2) Oak Pen Stand Kits for stained glass with patterns. Unopened in original packaging. \$10 each. Also, Minelab Pro Deluxe large carrying bag with outside pocket. Never used. \$25. 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 – JASON PETENBRINK *14 Kt Grill*

Picture withheld
by request

BEST SILVER – STACEY deLUCIA *Silver Ring*



MOST UNUSUAL – GARY SPIROCH *Mouth Piece*



COSTUME JEWELRY – MINDY SPIROCH *Ring*



BEST COIN – MINDY SPIROCH *Australian Coin*



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds
Gold - Nikolay Malchev (Gold ring with diamonds)
Silver – Jim Sharp (Key Ring)
Most Unusual – Tom Lieberman (Hair Piece)
Best Costume – Gary Spiroch (Watch)
Best Coin – Tom Lieberman (Buffalo Nickel)

MYSTERY ITEM

New members, especially, wonder - *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 quarter! So bring ALL your finds - you might just win a prize! Sorry gang...the person supplying the mystery item does not get the silver quarter if they stump the club. But they DO receive a free door prize ticket for their effort!

The March mystery Item, provided by **Gary McNew**, was a wire connector, better known as a “butt connector.” Gary successfully stumped everyone!

CHALLENGE LEVELS

Level 2

(Certificate and Silver Dime)



Frank Nash

Level 3

(Certificate and Silver Quarter)



Les Batts

MARCH MEETING

President **Mindy Spiroch** opened the March meeting with a big welcome to **Steve Lewis** and his son **Brandon**, who were guests of **Jerry Laur**; **Beverly** (who heard about us at the Green Market in Lake Worth) and **Maggie**, a guest of **Frank Nash**. It is with great pleasure that we welcome new members **Nick Mosca** of Hollywood; **Ralph Squier** and **Brenda Dickerson** of Boynton Beach; and **Jack Saint** of Lake Park.

Mindy announced that - by board consensus - voting for "Best Finds" is limited to members who are 13-years-old and older. According to our bylaws, voting for election of officers is restricted to members who are 18 years of age and older.

Secretary **Jan Smirnow** thanked members who have donated ink cartridges. These donations helped us raise \$19 for our treasury. Jan said that cell phones aren't selling well, so we'll probably donate them to a charity.

Due to our Silent Auction, the break was longer than usual to allow members to bid on items. Given the sluggish economy, we did okay. The silent auction raised \$233.50, which will supplement future club activities. Thanks to all who donated. Thanks also go to **Marilyn** and **Les Batts** for bringing refreshments!

BIRTHDAYS

March birthday celebrants **Marilyn Batts**, **Nikolay Malchev**, **Radina Malchev**, **Heather McNew**, and **Jason Petenbrink** each received a gold Presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month.

Happy Birthday, gang!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Richard Henderson (4/8)

Bob Konnagan (4/11)

Karen Larson (4/1)

Amanda Maduri (4/8)

Della Miller (4/12)

All of the people listed above have at least one thing in common. If they come to a meeting during their birthday month, they each will receive a gift of a gold Presidential dollar!

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

Thanks to **Gary McNew** for his donation of a fantastic speaker system for our club meetings. The sound was loud and clear for everyone, including those who sat in the back of the room. It was quite an improvement. The system not only had a wired microphone for President **Mindy Spiroch**, but two wireless microphones to pass around to the other officers, the hunt master and the audience. All of our hearing-impaired members appreciate this donation!

TALL TALES

Frank Nash warned about a beach cleaning machine that cleans 4 to 6 inches deep. These machines are being used from South Beach up to Deerfield Beach. They are not used every day, so we need to figure out the schedule. If you hit the beach just after one of these machines is used, your chances of finding jewelry will be slim. Frank said that the machine operator is allowed to keep whatever he finds. (Do they need volunteers?)

Frank and **Pauline Nash** spent a Saturday evening into the wee hours of Sunday trying to locate a lost (and very expensive to replace) Mercedes key. Unfortunately they were not successful, but the owner, **Maggie**, attended the meeting as Frank's appreciative guest.

TIPS

Jan Smirnow said that she found a Rose Gold crucifix that was dirty looking, but once it was cleaned up, one could see that it was, in fact, gold. Rose gold has more copper content, which will tarnish.

Linda Bennett gave a brief history of WW II nickels. From mid-1942 to 1945, so-called "Wartime" composition nickels were created. These coins are 56% copper, 35% silver and 9% manganese. The only other U.S. coins to use manganese are the Sacagawea and Presidential dollars. The wartime nickel features the largest mint mark ever to grace a United States coin, located above Monticello's dome on the reverse.

An unofficial variety of the wartime coin dated 1944 was made in 1954 when counterfeit nickels were produced by Francis LeRoy Henning of Erial, New Jersey. The 1944 nickels were quickly spotted since Henning neglected to add the large mint mark. He also made counterfeit nickels dated 1939, 1946, 1947, and possibly 1953 as well as one other unidentified date. It is estimated that more than 100,000 of Henning's nickels reached circulation. These can still be found in pocket change, and there is a thriving collectors' market for them, although owning counterfeit money is technically illegal.

RAFFLE

Congratulations to member **Glen Gamble** for winning the Pin Pointer Raffle at the March meeting!

OCEANSIDE FARMER'S MARKET

Ten members spent the morning of February 28 at the Oceanside Farmer's Market in Lake Worth promoting the hobby of metal detecting and our club. **John Lobota** researched various community events and handled arrangements. A booth was set up which featured displays of members' finds, trash recovered from recent club hunts, and scrapbooks filled with pictures of club events, items returned to their owners, and thank you letters for some of those returns. The event was a great opportunity to educate the public about the hobby and how our club benefits our community. Thanks to all who helped out!



John Lobota, Linda Bennett, Ken Lubinski, Mindy Spiroch, Steve Hoskins, Jim Sharp, Gary Spiroch. Not Pictured - Gail Hoskins, Frank and Pauline Nash

CAMP OKLAWAHA BOY SCOUT CAMP HUNT

Ten club members and four invited guests from the TCAS club (**Mitch King, Frank Hansen, Richard and Toni Hart**) spent the day metal detecting and collecting trash as a service project for the Gulf Stream BS Council. One brave soul from TCAS, Frank, hunted the swimming hole while keeping a close eye on a small alligator. For his efforts, Frank found a silver ring. He also returned a very nice knife that had been lost the previous night by one of the campers. **Gary McNew** found a silver quarter and Wheatie; **Karen Larson** found a costume ring; Mitch found a silver dime and ten Wheaties; Toni found one Wheatie. **Irving Smith** led the pack in clad coins found, with **Gary McNew** following close behind.



Ranger with trash collection



Ken, the Petenbrinks, Linda, Mitch

Photos by Linda Bennett and Karen Larson

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL HUNT AND PICNIC

The weather could not have been more perfect for a two hour planted hunt followed by our annual club picnic. Twenty-nine hunters and four supporters gathered in a local county park for some friendly competition. 1000 old American coins were planted, including silver dimes; silver quarters; silver half-dollars; silver dollars; V nickels; buffalo nickels; pre-1959 Jefferson nickels, including some WWII nickels that are 35% silver; Indian Head pennies; and Wheat pennies.

The majority of coins were planted the evening before the hunt; silver coins were planted the morning of the hunt. To allow the planters to participate in the hunt, the field was divided into thirds. A planter could not hunt his or her field for the first 30 minutes. The planters could be easily identified by their already sore, limping bodies. Thanks to **John Lobota, Gary McNew** and **Linda Bennett** for their efforts. Also, special thanks go out to **John** for his search to find the perfect site for this event. All items were planted very shallow with minimal digging required. Still, 18 dimes, 2 quarters, 12 buffalo nickels, 20 Jefferson nickels and 49 Wheat pennies were *not* recovered.

Every hunter received a prize. Prizes included silver coins; scoop; gator digger; headphones; hats with built in light; pouches; tumblers; towels; hats; mandrel; ring sizer; books; and a pinpoint. The order of prize selection was determined by randomly drawing the names out of a bowl. A warm thank you is extended to the following generous donors for the prizes: **Kevin Reilly, Gary McNew, Linda Bennett, Dave Grix, Garrett Metal Detectors, Kellyco, White's Metal Detectors** and **Minelab Metal Detectors**. Special thanks to **Gail Hoskins** for taking the pictures and to **Gary McNew** for cooking the hot dogs.



**Top Hunter -
Irving Smith**



*This was the fifth memorial hunt and picnic to honor **Jim Warnke** who past away in 2004 at the age of 80 years young. Jim joined the GCTC shortly after the club was formed in 1973 and served in every office. The longest position he held was as newsletter editor. He was known in the treasure world for his many interesting books and magazine articles about treasure hunting, especially ghost towns of Florida and hunting abandoned home sites.*

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.

TCAS HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian held its 22nd annual competition hunt on Saturday, March 14 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. The sluggish economy didn't seem to affect the entries, with over 70 hunters enrolled from as far away as Pennsylvania. Two hunters from the WPB area joined our club. See new members listed in the directory.

GCTC members who attended the hunt were:
Irving Smith, Ken Lubinski, Linda Bennett, Karen Larson, Gary Spiroch and Bob Dobski.



Ask Bob!!!!???



Bob Dobski



Ken Lubinski



Gary Spiroch

Photos by Bob Dobski, Karen Larson and Linda Bennett

Irving Smith was second place in the competition hunt. He found 87 painted pennies. The winner found 89.



Irving received a second place trophy, sand scoop and headphones

Prizes were won by the following members:

Ken Lubinski – sand scoop and headphones

Irving Smith – Head phones and a canvas bag full of goodies such as tool set, flashlight, etc.

Linda Bennett – Garrett drinking cup, flashlight and cooler cover

Bob Dobski found a key, but alas it didn't open the treasure chest. Bob has won the treasure chest in a past TCAS hunt.

Winner of Raffle – Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector



Linda Bennett

OTHER GREAT FINDS

Seen on the March Tall Tales Table



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.

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RECYCLING & DONATIONS

Jan Smirnow collects cell phones and used ink cartridges (name brand cartridges, not generic) 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 and sunglasses 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 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!

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!**

BURIED COIN CACHE

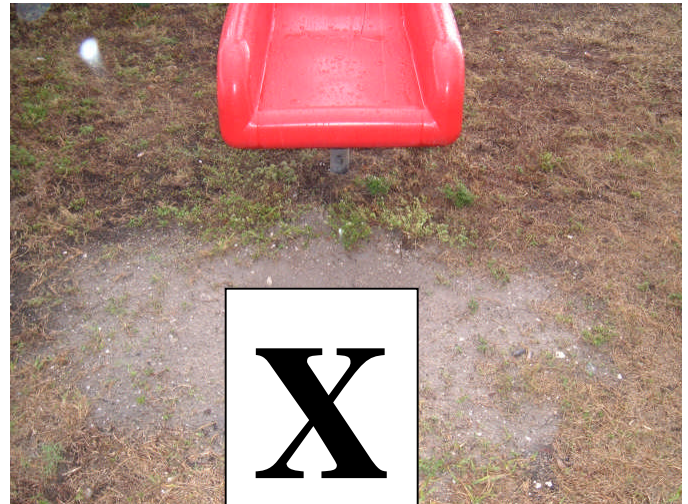
FIRST CLUE

I am buried in a playground located in a small park in the Palm Springs area.

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



SECOND CLUE



X MARKS THE SPOT

*Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Linda Bennett**. 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!***

PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Check your spare battery packs - rotate them. Most batteries will lose power just by not using them in a timely manner. Keep notes on how long they last between charges. If you use your spare battery pack you will keep from cutting your hunts short because of no power.

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2009

AS OF MARCH

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 973.16

PLATINUM: 5

GOLD: 27

SILVER: 43

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 – Club Meeting

April 11 – Club Hunt

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 and Paul Hamlin

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