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

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM ON NOVEMBER 12
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

Many club members frequent South Florida beaches in their quest for gold, but - as we all know - an afternoon at the beach can quickly turn to tragedy due to deadly rip currents. Come to our November 12th meeting for what could be a life saving presentation. **Jennifer Plant**, a Physical Therapist who works with **Gary McNew** at Walgreen's, is a Certified Red Cross instructor who will discuss the basics of CPR, answer questions, and also share information about how we, too, can become certified. Jennifer will discuss basic safety tips, plus precautions to take when at the beach or when involved in physical activity of any kind. Learn how *not* to become a statistic - and how to keep someone else from becoming one.

That night, we will also hold our annual 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).

The holidays are quickly approaching, so it's time to plan the festivities. On December 10th we'll celebrate our Holiday party, so be sure to sign up and volunteer on our Holiday Committee. There will be one organizational meeting on November 17. A sign up sheet will be available during the November 12 meeting.

Thanks in advance to **Ken Lubinski** for volunteering to provide the refreshments and to **Stacey deLucia** for agreeing to try to stump us with the Mystery Item this month.

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

Never get enough time to socialize at the meetings? Come join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting in the back room of **Park Ave. (PA) BBQ & Grille! 2401 N. Dixie Hwy (US 1), Lake Worth.**

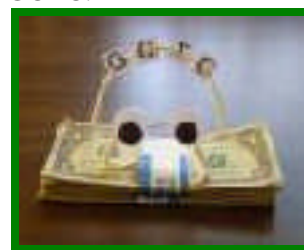
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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) 561-718-5523 or Paul: (561) 582-1295 ASAP! **We'll be voting on a new slate of officers at the November 12th meeting.** *Fresh faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!*

RAFFLE UPDATE

Joe Cook won the \$50 Visa gift card at the October meeting. What's lucky Joe's secret key to winning raffle prizes? He buys raffle tickets!

Next raffle - we've all seen those campy GEICO commercials. How would YOU like to win a stack of money? \$50 cash could be yours! Buy your tickets at the next meeting and you could pocket "the money you could be making with GTC."



CLUB HUNT

As of the printing of the newsletter, a club hunt in November had yet to be organized. Any ideas or volunteers to host a hunt are always welcome. Why not team up with a friend to plan one? Call **Linda Bennett** if you'd like to help organize a hunt or share your ideas.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 1,782.22

THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

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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

REILLY'S TREASURED GOLD offers a complete line of new & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers, and books. The shop also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! See their 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 NASH – Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale: palmbeachmetaldetectors.com. GCTC will receive 10 % of the net profits of all new detectors purchased by club members. Call 561-743-5248.

JERRY LAUR – Stainless Steel Ruger Mark II, 22 cal pistol: \$350; Minelab Explorer metal detector with extra books: \$700. All items are like new with little use. Call Jerry between the hours of 8 AM to 8 PM @ 561-694-7963.

LINDA BENNETT – *new Headhunter PiratePRO* won at GSBSO. Brand new, in box with two-year warranty. Retail at \$439; asking \$350. Call 561-352-4068.

TESSA DURAND – BUY OR SELL AVON. Just imagine yourself as the CEO of your own Company! Check out my website, order online, direct shipping right to your door. www.youravon/tdurand-owens.com or call 561-358-2252.

GARY MCNEW – WANTED: Any unwanted finds, such as electronics, whole or in pieces, unwanted jewelry in any condition and even “cauliflower” pennies. I’ll have a container at the meeting for you to drop stuff in. Also wanted, “Dead or Alive,” old computers and video games. 561-718-5523.

MINDY SPIROCH – FOR SALE: White's Prism V Metal Detector. Excellent condition, selling for \$300. Call 561-432-7242 (Home); 561-329-9984 (Cell).

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE (ALL prices reduced). Excellent condition Sony Trinitron 37” HDTV. Purchased for \$1,693 – sacrifice for \$250. Matching wooden dining/living room set in light cream: Oval dining room table with leaf insert and four chairs (\$100); lighted china cabinet with glass display shelves, two cabinets, one drawer for storage (\$200); expandable bar/TV stand with drawer and storage cabinets (\$45); entry table/sofa table with three shelves and matching octagon two-shelf end table great for displaying treasures, shells, etc. (\$20 for pair). Cream-colored desk with drawers and wooden folding chair (\$20). Misc. household items. Call or email for photos. Also: competition hunt basket (\$15); hard-sided detector travel case with lock and key. Protect your investment! Built safe to withstand air travel and even the roughest baggage handlers! Padded interior with “pick & pluck foam” for custom fit. Used once. VERY STURDY! \$45 OBO. 561-687-2310 or sdeLuc823@aol.com.

Club members may advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. The club does not profit unless noted in the ad. 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 – Tom Lieberman
Gold chain with Two Pendants

PICTURE
NOT
AVAILABLE

BEST SILVER – Gary McNew
Silver Tiffany Pill Box



MOST UNUSUAL – Tom Lieberman
A pair of Harry Potter Glasses



COSTUME JEWELRY – Stacey deLucia
Ring with Green Stone



BEST COIN – Radina Malchev
Coin from China



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)

Gold – Jan Smirnow (two gold rings – one found inside the other)



Silver – Nikolay Malchev (Heart Chain)



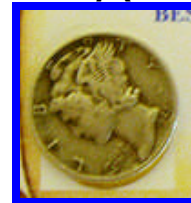
Most Unusual – Cheryl Petenbrink (Hinge)



Costume – Jim Sharp (Diver's Watch)



Coin – Jim Sharp (Mercury Dime)



MONTHLY WINNERS



Tom Lieberman, Gary McNew, Stacey deLucia, Radina Malchev

Pictures by Nikolay Malchev

OCTOBER MEETING

President **Mindy Spiroch** extended a big welcome to new members **Amy** and **Steve Hamedl** and guests **Annabel Rivera** of Delray Beach, **David Pilot** of Boca Raton (SFTHC member), **Ron Johnson** of Jupiter, and **Ken** and **Dawn Fusco** of Royal Palm Beach.

The program for the evening, “Gismos, Gadgets, and Helpful Hints” expanded upon **Paul Hamlin’s** “Tip of the Month” segment. Paul kicked off the program by demonstrating how he avoids losing small items through holes in his scoop. He attaches a small screen to the bottom of his scoop. Problem solved!

Club members then shared their ideas, one-by-one. **Jim Sharp** had plenty of helpful tips. He attaches a magnet with a plastic tie to the bottom of his scoop, which catches iron and bottle caps. He also doubles chicken wire to form a screen on the bottom of his scoop to prevent small items from passing through. He showed off his “pro handle” purchased online for \$14.75, saying it really helps when digging in the water.



Nikolay Malchev has a Bill Babbs special-built scoop with jagged teeth cut into each hole to help catch chains. He shared that he placed an ice maker tube down the front of his scoop and wrapped the entire scoop with duct tape, ensuring that he always knows which end of the scoop is facing forward. This also provides a slip-proof grasp while water hunting.

Jan Smirnow mentioned that husband Bob put bicycle handles on his scoop with ridges facing the front.

Tom Lieberman recommended that members use “Dip It” from Home Depot for a slip-free scoop.

Jason Petenbrink and **Nikolay Malchev** said that it’s extremely important to wear a mask and snorkel when water hunting, “you’ll miss too much otherwise.”

Gary McNew said “there is a lot of stuff on the hills at the beach – cross your grid marks good.” Gary uses a Big Foot on his DFX.

Mindy Spiroch brought in her “Misty Mist,” which is refreshing on hot beach days. Just place water and ice in the container. When you feel hot, simply pump the container and spray. Instant relief! (Available at BJ’s.) She showed off Gary’s multi-pocket pouch for working in parks. (Only \$4 at Home Depot.) She also showed his harness (suspenders) that allows him to hunt for hours. Mindy said to “think outside of the box.”



It was an interesting night totally devoted to helping each other with ideas of how to make metal detecting easier and more successful. Everyone seemed to learn something new from the exchange of ideas.

The club thanks **Jan Smirnow** for this month's refreshments. Also, a big thank you goes to **Nikolay Malchev** for substituting as club photographer.

BIRTHDAYS

October birthday celebrants **Jan Smirnow** and **Nick Mosca** both received a gold presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday!**

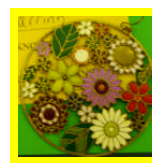


HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

- Leslie Batts (11/27)**
- Linda Bowen (11/5)**
- James Gilliece (11/22)**
- Dave Grix (11/4)**
- Gay Konnagan (11/14)**
- Tom Lieberman (11/8)**
- Marie Levine (11/9)**
- Frank Nash (11/14)**

OTHER GREAT FINDS

Seen on the October Tall Tales Table



BURIED COIN CACHE

FIRST CLUE:

You won't find any wooden buttons at this park with your metal detector but you will find the treasure!

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



Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Cheryl Petenbrink**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a \$25 prize AND earn the right to bury the next cache! **Good luck everyone! Start digging! And be sure to fill all holes!**

TALL TALES

Jim Sharp reported a price increase on parking in Palm Beach on the side streets surrounding The Breakers Hotel. The meters now cost \$2 an hour. There is no parking on Saturday and Sunday (violators get a \$35 fine). For more information call Jim at 561-966-6986.

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Level Three

(Received a silver quarter and certificate)



Gary McNew

PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Check all cables and keep them snug around your down rod. This will stop any false sounds. Clean out any sand and salt caught under coil covers. This will help with your depth. Keeping your machine clean and working properly will ensure that you can find more treasure. Good Hunting!

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Elayne Lynch has made a Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and a Snowman out of Readers' Digest magazines, plus she has decorated three sand dollars as tree ornaments – all to raise money for our club. Raffle tickets will be sold during the November and December meetings for only \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. All proceeds will go to the GCTC. The drawing will be held during the December Holiday Party. Thank you, Elayne, for using your talent and creativity to make this generous donation.

ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

- Silver Half Dollar – **Jan Smirnow**
- Silver Quarter – **Joe Cook**
- Halloween Flowers – **Jan Smirnow**
- Estee Lauder Eye Shadow – **Tessa Durand**
- Estee Lauder Turbo Lash – **Elayne Lynch**
- Skeletons (2) – **Jan Smirnow**
- Underwater Camera – **Elayne Lynch**
- Digging Tool Pouch – **Dixie Gamble**
- Ice Chipper – **Joe Cook**
- Angel Alert – **Dave Pilot**
- Digging Tool Bag – **Amy Hamedl**
- Coffee – **Paul Hamlin** and **Gary McNew**
- Treasure Magazines – **Jim Sharp** and **Nick Mosca**
- Hat – **Amy Hamedl**
- Book "Ghost Town Locations in Florida" – **Jim Sharp**
- Silver Half Dollar – **Paul Hamlin**
- Gummy Eyeballs – **Jan Smirnow**
- Headlight – **Jim Sharp**
- Paper Cube – **Tom Lieberman**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings (and other events) are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors **Jim Sharp, Cheryl Petenbrink, Gary Spiroch, Don Caplinger, Nikolay Malchev, Jan Smirnow, Elayne Lynch, Nick Mosca, Karen Larson and Paul Hamlin***

50/50 DRAWING

Nick Mosca won \$26 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. Cha-Ching!!! *Congrats, Nick!!!* It pays to play, guys, so don't forget to purchase YOUR tickets!

MYSTERY ITEM

New members often wonder "WHAT the heck is a Mystery Item?" Each month one club member volunteers to try to 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 be sure to always bring and display ALL your finds, even the junk! Sorry gang...the person supplying the Mystery Item doesn't get the silver quarter if they stump the club. BUT, they DO get a free door prize ticket for their effort!

October's Mystery Item was supplied by our youngest active treasure hunter, **Radina Malchev**, who stumped everyone with a name tag. Good job, Radina!



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 rightful owners. The actions of each of our "Ambassadors of Goodwill" enhance the public's perception of our hobby! Way to go, gang!

First Time Ambassador



Jack Saint

Two returns - Platinum Ring and Class Ring

UNSUNG HERO

Jack Saint returned a 13 gram platinum men's wedding band with an inscription on the inside. He searched for this ring upon a request by **Jim Sharp**. Below are pictures of the platinum ring and Jack in the process of returning the ring to the owner's wife.



Jack also returned a 1996 class ring found at Ocean Reef Park. Way to go, Jack!



OCTOBER CLUB HUNT

Beautiful weather for a club hunt was the result of a mild cold front that only brought cloudy skies and a gentle ocean breeze. The water was flat enough for **Jack Saint** to water hunt and make **Nikolay Malchev** wish that he had brought his water machine. **Radina Malchev** joined the ranks of those members who have forgotten their sand scoop. A total of twelve members attended the evening hunt that was hosted by **Mindy** and **Gary Spiroch**.

Exercise was plentiful - brisk walking while strengthening the right arm. Unfortunately, members had little reason for deep squats and bending, due to a surprising lack of targets. **Mindy** was the only one to find some costume jewelry. **Tom Lieberman** found the most money, which was less than \$1.

Ten members spent the rest of the evening at a local diner enjoying mouth watering desserts along with the antics of their waitress Ginger. Of course, tall tales and plenty of laughs were exchanged.

TIDBITS FROM SRARC OCTOBER MEETING

The speaker at the October meeting of the Suncoast Research and Recovery Club in Largo, FL was **Terry Hopkins** of Maritime Research Ltd. Terry is a marine archeologist who spoke about treasure salvaging. He also dove on the Atocha site.

To identify a ship they look for the ship's seal. Some of the sites that he dove on (Cayman Islands/Turks and Cocos Islands) had layers of ships on top of other ships. It is almost impossible to tell what belongs to which ship. Coins found are usually not dated because they never reached their destination where they were to be dated by the country. Pirates used to take their gold and mold it into cannons, then paint them black. When diving wrecks salvagers always check the weight of the cannons to see if they are extra heavy (indicating gold). Sometimes, even musket balls were made the same way in order to hide their gold treasures. If they'd find gold nuggets it meant that they may have come from a ship where they were stamping out the coins in the bottom of the ship. Terry mentioned that today, when diving or detecting, if you find something, "Hush - don't say anything to anyone and just **put it in your pocket.**"

HISTORY IN THE PARK

Saturday, November 14, 2009 - 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Local Historian and author, **Richard Procyk** will lead a tour of the battlefield and discuss the famous leaders from the Seminole Resistance during the Seminole Wars.

For reservations, call: **(561) 966-6686**.

Riverbend Park is located at 9060 Indiantown Road in Jupiter, one mile west of the Florida Turnpike/I-95 exits. For more information about History in the Park, call club member **Guy Bachman** at (561) 736-7435.

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. Notify **Jan Smirnow** at 561-735-8921 with errors or omissions.

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Margaret Weller
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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 that brings joy to children as they learn how to detect, despite their challenges. If you have coins to donate, please see **Linda Bennett**, who will make sure your donation goes to the right place. YOU can be a hero to a child in need!

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

Jan Smirnow collects unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC. *Only name-brand cartridges purchased from office supply stores qualify for recycling. Generic ink cartridges are NOT accepted.* Jan is also collecting pull tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please SAVE yours and give to Jan. Each donation helps!

Stacey deLucia collects prescription glasses and sunglasses for the South Florida Lion's Club. Please bring your donations to the next meeting. (If possible, a gentle rinse with water to remove sand would be appreciated.)

John Lobota accepts member donations of metals, such as brass, copper, and lead weights found while metal detecting. John takes them to the recycling plant to sell for scrap. All cash raised helps to replenish our treasury, so please see John to donate your unwanted trash! Why waste all that digging by throwing the junk out, when we can turn your trash into cold, hard cash for our club?

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
Gail Hoskins
206 Russell Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33461

TCAS 23rd ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9 AM until 4 PM at Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. The cost is \$85 for the whole day. All hunts, plus lunch, are included in the fee. If you pay before March 1, 2010, the cost is only \$75. Hunt applications will be available at the GCTC meetings.

For further information regarding the hunt contact:

Mitch King, Hunt Coordinator, at
mking11@earthlink.net or
<http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm>

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
NEW: Club Hats with GCTC Logo: \$12.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12: Monthly Membership Meeting
November 14: History in the Park at Riverbend Park 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
November Club Hunt TBA
March 13, 2010: TCAS Competition Hunt

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors:
Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia,
Jan Smirnow, Cheryl Petenbrink, and Paul Hamlin.

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