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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM ON OCTOBER 8  
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*

## OCTOBER MEETING

If you were with us during the September meeting, you will no doubt remember **Paul Hamlin's** interesting presentation during the Tall Tales portion of the meeting. Paul demonstrated several useful ideas that have helped him become one of our club's most prolific hunters. His tips were a big hit, so our October program will expand upon Paul's helpful hints and invite other members to share their ideas. Join us on October 8<sup>th</sup> for "Gismos, Gadgets and Helpful Hints." You're sure to walk away with ideas that will inspire you and make you a more successful treasure hunter. Paul will share even more ideas, and then we want to hear from YOU! What contraptions do you use while hunting? Bring your ideas and even any hunting gear or inventions that make your hunts more productive, comfortable, or fun. Have you devised a unique way to improve how you carry your scoops and/or detectors? Did you figure out a way to keep those elusive tiny treasures from falling through your scoop? Do you have "stay cool" tips to beat the heat while hunting in the Florida sun? Bring your metal detecting ideas and any favorite gadgets (bought or self-built) that you think can help us all do better out there. Let's learn from each other!

Thanks in advance to our October volunteers: **Jan Smirnow** for bringing refreshments, **Radina Malchev** for bringing the Mystery Item, **Nikolay Malchev** for filling in as photographer in **Steve Hoskin's** absence, and **Heather McNew** for handling hospitality in **Betty Laur's** absence.

## JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

Can't get enough socializing at the meetings? Then meet 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, FL**

## CLUB HUNT

**Mindy and Gary Spiroch** will host our next club hunt, scheduled for Saturday, October 17. Meet for this WILD HUNT (i.e., nothing will be planted) a little before 5:00 p.m. at Sandoway Park in Delray Beach. The hunt will run from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Immediately afterward, those who wish to eat dinner together will go to a local restaurant, so don't forget to bring money for dinner AND parking (\$1 per hour). Directions: Take I-95 to Atlantic Avenue, head east until you come to the ocean. At Atlantic and A1A, turn right and head south on A1A. Pass the restaurants and pull into the Sandoway Park parking lot on the west (right) side of A1A. See you there!

## \$50 VISA GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Would you like \$50 to spend any way you wish? Sure you would! YOUR chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card is just around the corner! Our latest raffle, which began during the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, is selling out fast, so get your tickets as you walk in the door or you may miss out entirely! There are only 12 chances left, so buy your tickets early. Chances are only \$3 each, or two for \$5. That's less than one of those trendy Starbucks Venti "designer coffees" – AND a lot easier to pronounce!

Someone IS going to win – it might as well be YOU!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating committee volunteers are needed to identify potential board members for 2010. This short-term position will make a lasting impact on our club. Also, members are asked to consider serving on the board. Please see a board member for more information.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1,708.52**

## THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

*Founded in 1973 by Ted Rudd*

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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](http://www.rtgstore.com).

**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 NASH** – Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale: [palmbeachmetaldetectors.com](http://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 @ 561-694-7963 8 AM to 8 PM.

**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.

**BOB SMIRNOW** – Tesoro LObo. Last call for a great gold finding machine. Never used. Asking \$400, will consider offers. Call Bob Smirnow: 561-735-8921.

**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](http://www.youravon/tdurand-owens.com) or call 561-358-2252.

**GARY MCNEW** – WANTED: Any of your 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** – MOVING SALE (prices reduced). Excellent condition Sony 37” HDTV. Purchased for \$1,693 – sacrifice for \$275. Matching wooden dining/living room set in light cream, will sell separately or as a group: Oval dining room table with leaf insert and four chairs (\$125); lighted china cabinet with glass display shelves, two cabinets, one drawer for storage (\$225); expandable bar/TV stand with drawer and storage cabinets (\$50); entry table/sofa table with three shelves and matching octagon two-shelf end table great for displaying treasures, shells, etc. (\$25 for pair). Cream-colored desk with drawers and wooden folding chair (\$25). Misc. household items. Call or email for photos. Also: two new (unused) \$25 iTunes gift cards – make great gifts for the grandkids (\$20 each); competition hunt basket (\$20); hard-sided detector travel case/vault 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! \$50 OBO. 561-687-2310 or [sdeLuc823@aol.com](mailto: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 – Nikolay Malchev**  
**Gold Bracelet**



**BEST SILVER – Mindy Spiroch**  
**BVLGARI Ring**



**MOST UNUSUAL – Gary McNew**  
**Flask**



**COSTUME JEWELRY – Mindy Spiroch**  
**Charm Bracelet**



**BEST COIN – Tom Lieberman**  
**Half Crown**



**BEST PLATINUM – Paul Hamlin**  
**Wedding Band**



**Second Place for Monthly Best Finds**  
*(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)*

**Platinum – Tom Lieberman (Ring with Diamonds)**



**Gold – Jim Sharp (10K Ring with Peridot Stone)**



**Silver – Gary McNew (Toe Ring)**



**Most Unusual – Tom Lieberman (Pull Toy)**



**Costume – Gary McNew (Watch)**



**Coin – Paul Hamlin (1937 Buffalo Nickel)**



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

After calling the meeting to order, President **Mindy Spiroch** welcomed guests **Henry Torres** from the West Palm Beach Coin Club, **Brian Gaum's** brother **Terry Gaum**, **Dave Pilot** from the South Florida Treasure Hunters Club, and **Elva Lester**.

Secretary **Jan Smirnow** thanked members for participating in the ink cartridge recycling drive and advised that she set up an account for the club at Office Depot. The club will now receive a \$3 reward for each recycled cartridge. Reward gift cards, which will be awarded quarterly, will be used to offset club newsletter expenses. (So, keep those cartridges coming!)

Jan later presented a fact-filled program about gold (elemental name: AU), which entailed a great deal of pre-presentation research on Jan's part. For additional information, Jan suggests these interesting websites:

[www.emporia.edu](http://www.emporia.edu)

[www.kitco.com](http://www.kitco.com) (Gold Charts - 1 to 5 years)

<http://en.wikipedia.org> (Pennyweights (dwt))

[www.metric-conversions.org](http://www.metric-conversions.org)

(Grains to Troy Ounces)

<http://onlinedictionary.datasegment.com>

(Definition, specific gravity, etc.)

[www.treasureology.com](http://www.treasureology.com) (Gold doubloons)

[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/California\\_Gold\\_Rush](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_Gold_Rush)

And last - but not least - the January 2009 edition of National Geographic Magazine.

Mindy thanked **Betty** and **Jerry Laur** for the refreshments and **Tom Lieberman** for the Mystery Item.

## BIRTHDAYS

September birthday celebrants **Gary McNew** and **Nathan McNew** both received a gold presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

**Karl Bennett (10/9)**

**Wayne Daniels (10/17)**

**Brian Gaum (10/4)**

**Eva Gorzkowski (10/10)**

**Kurt Herring (10/28)**

**Gail Hoskins (10/21)**

**Jerry Laur (10/18)**

**Donnie Miller (10/28)**

**Nick Mosca (10/21)**

**Jan Smirnow (10/27)**

**Robert Smirnow (10/6)**

**James Smith (10/31)**

**Don Sweeney (10/31)**

## ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER

### AND THE WINNERS ARE!

### DOOR PRIZES

Silver Half Dollar – **Joe Cook**

Silver Quarter – **Eddie D'Amato**

Book – **Joe Cook**

Minelab Pouch – **Dave Pilot (guest)**

Minelab hat – **Elayne Lynch**

Pedometer – **Jerry Laur**

Kaleidoscope – **Linda Bennett**

Screwdriver Set – **Jerry Laur**

Camping Wallet – **Pete Schneider**

WET Magazine – **Elya Lester (guest)**

Plastic Collection Bags – **Jim Sharp**

Plastic Collection Bags – **Karen Larson**

Mosquito Head Net – **Jim Sharp**

Water Bottle – **Linda Bennett**

Estee Lauder – **Pete Schneider**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings (and other events) are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors: **Nick Mosca** - Estee Lauder product and plastic collection bags; **Ken Lubinski** - kaleidoscope; **Joy St. Clair** - book; **Linda Bennett** - mosquito head net and camping wallet; **Don Caplinger** - WET magazines; **Elayne Lynch** - screwdriver set and pedometer.*

### 50/50 DRAWING

**Tessa Durand** won \$52 for her share of the 50/50 drawing. Cha-Ching!!! *Congrats, Tessa!!! It sure pays to play, doesn't it folks?*

### 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!*

September's Mystery Item was supplied by **Tom Lieberman**, who stumped everyone with an eyeglass case. Wonder what **this** month's Mystery Item will be!





## 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! *Thanks to Pete Schneider for his donation of foreign coins.*

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## 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 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?

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## HISTORY IN THE PARK at RIVERBEND PARK

**Saturday, October 17**  
**10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**The Clash of Civilizations and  
The Rise of the Seminole Nation**  
**Guest Speaker: Richard Procyk**

Local historian and author **Richard Procyk** will lead a walking tour of the battlefield and discuss how the Seminoles were driven from the Everglades during the Seminole Wars and how they were able to overcome the odds and build the Seminole Nation.

Reservations are recommended.  
For reservations or for more information, 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 further information about History in the Park, call club member **Guy Bachman** at (561) 736-7435.

## 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>

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### TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2009 AS OF SEPTEMBER:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 3,038.62  
PLATINUM: 8  
GOLD: 95  
SILVER: 176

### 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

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## CHUCK E CHEESE TOKENS

During the club hunt, a discussion ensued about tokens. **Jim Sharp** shared the information that earlier tokens produced by Chuck E Cheese are worth up to \$1,000! Chuck E Cheese Pizza Time Theaters had their own Video Arcade game tokens made. Possession of the right tokens could earn the owner big bucks! In addition to being dated, a few locations had limited numbers of their video arcade game tokens minted with their town names on them. This occurred from 1978-1983. There are over 60 different dated town name tokens and varieties!

Some websites to check out are:

<http://chuckecheese.cdbpdx.com/>  
<http://users.pullman.com/fjstevens/tokens/cec/CEC.html>  
[www.showbizpizza.com/ceccollect/related/index.html](http://www.showbizpizza.com/ceccollect/related/index.html)

Websites about collecting tokens:

<http://www.exonumist.com/>  
<http://www.chicagocoinclub.org/projects/PiN/cut.html>  
<http://tokencollectors.org/>

*Errors in grammar and spelling are added for those who like to find them.  
Linda Bennett newsletter co-editor*

## 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!

### Repeat Ambassadors



**Tom Lieberman**

**Two returns - a Ring AND a Set of Keys**

### UNSUNG HERO

Tom found a ring that had significant sentimental value for the young man who had lost it on Delray Beach. The ring had been given to the owner by his Grandfather. Tom was rewarded with \$60 for his efforts.

Tom also found a set of keys that had been lost the previous night by a young tourist. She said she would be right back with a reward and, true to her word, within 15 minutes she WAS back to present Tom with \$15!

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### SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS

Five club members displayed their finds collected from June 11 through September 10 for the summer Scavenger Hunt. Prizes were awarded to all participants for braving the hot weather. **Jim Sharp** was able to find all the items on the list, earning him bragging rights and a nice reward.

- First Place: Jim Sharp – Silver Dollar**
- Second Place: Gary McNew – Husky Tool**
- Third Place: Ken Lubinski – Husky Tool**
- Fourth Place: Jan Smirnow – Silver Dime**
- Fifth Place: Stacey deLucia – Silver Dime**

*(Thanks to the **Petenbrink Family** for donating Big Lugg cordless tool and accessory belt hooks by Husky tools!)*



## MONTHLY BEST FINDS WINNERS



**Nikolay Malchev, Paul Hamlin,  
Gary McNew, Mindy Spiroch and Tom Lieberman**  
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### OTHER GREAT FINDS

Seen on the September Tall Tales Table



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### JOINT HUNT WITH SFTHC

Seven individuals who are members of both the GCTC and the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club participated in a joint hunt and picnic on August 16. **Ken Lubinski, Linda Bennett, Nikolay Malchev, Radina Malchev, Nick Mosca, and Glenn and Dixie Gamble** met at "North Park" at the end of Sheridan Street in Hollywood. Tokens were planted along with other items. One token per hunter could be redeemed for a prize.



**Ken Lubinski and Linda Bennett**



**Ken Lubinski, Linda Bennett,  
Radina Malchev and Nick Mosca**

## TALL TALES

**Paul Hamlin** gave his September Tip of the Month as a show and tell presentation during our Tall Tales session. He demonstrated and explained how he carries his heavy metal detecting gear without getting tired. He welded a ring onto the handle of his 9 lb pointed steel scoop, which he hooks to his belt and drags along until he needs it. He also uses a bungee cord with hooks to attach to both his metal detector and his belt, making it virtually weightless to swing. He said he has observed numerous detectors on the beach being swung way too high and advised, "don't swing up on the end of your sweep; make a line in the sand, slow down and overlap your swing." Paul's tips were so well received that our October meeting will feature additional helpful hints. (See the front page.)

**Jim Sharp** received an email at work (the Breakers Hotel) from a lady who wrote that she was not a guest at the hotel, but her husband had lost his platinum wedding ring nearby. Jim didn't have the time to look, but passed the information on to **Jack Saint** who sprung into action. Jack found and returned the ring. Great team work, guys!

**Mindy Spiroch** received a call from a gentleman (referred by Reilly's Treasured Gold) who needed help in locating something that his deceased grandfather had buried in the backyard. The man told her that it was a shotgun and that they no longer owned the property. Mindy explained to him that she would need written permission from the present owner in order to conduct a search. She is still waiting to hear from the gentlemen.

**Peter Schneider** bought in his collection of finished stones that he dug in North Carolina. He said that he had made five or six trips to put this collection together. His display of stones was beautiful and very interesting.

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## INTERNET SITES

Check out *DetectorsParadise*, which is a new metal detecting/coin/relic online forum.

[www.detectorsparadise.com](http://www.detectorsparadise.com)

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## CLAY COUNTY UPDATE

*Last month word went out on the various online forums that Clay County in NE Florida was discussing a new law to ban metal detecting on all county property.*

A public meeting was held and the original ordinance was changed. Metal detecting is prohibited only on historical or archaeological sites and cemeteries on county property. None of the commissioners were really against detecting, just uninformed. Commissioner **Ronnie Robinson** was responsible for the changes. He made a comment during an August committee meeting that he would not tell anyone that they could not use a metal detector in a county park. Feel free to send him a thank you email at [Ronnie.Robinson@co.clay.fl.us](mailto:Ronnie.Robinson@co.clay.fl.us).

## SEPTEMBER CLUB HUNT

After six months of collecting items for the hunt, **Jim Sharp** had enough goodies to bury that even our most seasoned competition hunters were kept busy retrieving treasures for the entire hour! **Paul Hamlin** assisted with the hard work of planting the items, plus donated new watches that were also buried. Ten members showed up and walked away with at least one prize. Only two members braved the early hours to eat breakfast at Cracker Barrel prior to the hunt. It was a fun day!

### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

**Gary Spiroch** - Water bottle pouch, Garrett Pouch, mystery box, club travel mug, waterproof neck container

**Betty Laur** - Pouch, waterproof neck container, water bottle

**Gary McNew** - TH magazines

**Mindy Spiroch** - Jewelers loop, club towel, Minelab pouch

**Jerry Laur** - Light, knife

**Stacey deLucia** - Screwdriver, Garrett book

**Carmelo Basilico** - Treasure books, treasure magazines, can cooler, rain pouch

**Tom Lieberman** - Garrett hat, gold flakes, trowel

**Linda Bennett** - Flannigan drink token

**Karen Larson** - Digger



Club Hunt Hosts - Paul Hamlin and Jim Sharp



Karen Larson, Gary Spiroch, Jerry and Betty Laur



Gary McNew



Tom Lieberman



Pictures by Linda Bennett

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 8: Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**October 17: History in the Park at Riverbend Park 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**October 17: Club Hunt 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**November 14: History in the Park at Riverbend Park 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**March 13, 2010: TCAS Competition Hunt**

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

*Thanks to the following contributors:*

*Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia,  
Jan Smirnow and Paul Hamlin.*

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