

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. APRIL 14
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

It has been a while since we have had a round table discussion at one of our meetings, so here it is. The topic for our April meeting is "How, or why, did you get started in metal detecting?" Think back to one of your favorite memories that got you started in this great hobby and share it with everyone. We want to hear.

Thanks in advance to our April volunteer refreshment host, **Elayne Lynch**, and to **Radina Malchev** for volunteering to stump us with an unusual "Mystery Item."

JOIN US EARLY AT P.A. BBQ!

Several of us get together for dinner and a few laughs in the back room of P.A. BBQ at 5:30 p.m. before each meeting. Please join us for good friends & good food!

**Park Avenue BBQ & Grille
2401 N. Dixie Hwy (US 1)
Lake Worth, Florida**

.THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE

Have you seen the sleek design of the **LED flashlight** that we are raffling off this month? This incredibly bright flash light will come in handy in a variety of situations – black outs, checking under the hood guiding your way to the bathroom at 3:00 a.m., etc. This is one raffle prize that you will reach for often.

Let's say you decide one night to feel your way in the dark to the bathroom, then stub your toe. Ouch! You should have grabbed your flash light! We've got you covered with our second raffle item – a handy **First Aid Kit!** Tickets will be at the sign in table, so don't miss out!

APRIL CLUB HUNT

No club hunt is scheduled for April, but here are some highlights of some hunts from March.

South Beach:

Bob Dobski sponsored a club hunt to South Beach on March 20th. Nine of our club members attended the hunt which started in the dark at 6am, but they were soon overtaken by a picturesque sunrise enjoyed by all. They all met back at 9am to show what they had found. Among the items found were, an Ipod, rings, ear rings, silverware, a Shell Gold card, buttons, Music CD, necklaces, Canadian Looney, Towels and everyone got an assortment of coins. Fun was had by all.

TCAS:

Eight club members attended to compete and Joe Konochik was there to represent Reilly's Treasured Gold. We also ran across a former GCTC member, Bob Grubb, who is now a member of TCAS. No one won any major prizes, but we did come home with some small prizes and a few silver dimes. The weather was very kind this year, very dry and sunny, a very welcome change from last year which was very wet and overcast. Irving Smith and Linda Bennett did manage to each find a key, but sadly did not unlock the chest full of goodies.

Overall everyone had a great time hunting this month. Thanks to Bob Dobski and to TCAS members for all of your efforts. If you have never attended a competition hunt, you should give it a try, I think they are a lot of fun. There are two coming up in May. Please see Linda Bennett for more information.

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Dues are \$30 a year.

New members pay an

Initiation fee of \$5, plus:

\$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

This column is provided, free of charge, as a courtesy to our club members. The contents of all advertisements are the sole responsibility of the members placing the ads. The GCTC does not imply endorsement, approval, or warranty of any product or service.

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 954971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! See their website: www.rtgstore.com.

ED WESTON – WANTED: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-301-9062.

TOM LIEBERMAN – Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409; e-mail: telieberman@aol.com.

JAN SMIRNOW – FOR SALE: White's Prizm V \$300; Shadow V with 3 coils \$500. Call 735-8921.

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ED D'AMATO – FOR SALE – The Kingdom Slot Machine with tokens. Pays out! \$450 new. Will sacrifice for \$300. Call Ed at 561-351-6172.

STACEY deLUCIA – BEADED JEWELRY. Handcrafted custom-made-to-order beaded jewelry featuring your favorite semi-precious gems. Call 561-687-2310 ore-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV– FOR SALE: Team OrcaSound Headphones designed for water hunters. \$170 (GCTC & SFTHC members get 10 % off!) For info: See me at meetings, e-mail: orcasound@live.com or go to <http://www.teamorcasound.com>

JERRY LAUR – DETECTORS FOR SALE: White's Beachcomber ID \$25. Garrett Tesoro El Lobo \$425. New listing: Minelab Explorer like new. Less than 20 hours use. With manual, box and extra book. \$725. All machines used only by a little old lady and/or man on weekends! Have boxes & manuals. Call Jerry 561-694-7963. Illness forces sale.

FRANK NASH – FOR SALE: Minelab & Fisher metal detectors palmbeachmetaldetectors.com. Call 561-743-5248.

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 limited space. Items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Stacey (sdeLuc823@aol.com) to place your ad or to remove it once the item is sold.

FOREIGN COINS

Each year, our club, along with the South Florida Treasure Club, collects foreign coins to donate to a summer camp for handicapped children. This year round project brings a sense of adventure 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 all who have donated.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS!

The club thanks **Marilyn Batts** for her foreign coin donation, **Gary McNew** for his donation of detector carry bag, **Frank Nash** of Palm Beach Metal Detectors for a Minelab Coffee Cup, **Linda Bennett** for a digger, **Paul and Merge Hamlin** of Seashore Gifts for a cap light, **Ernie Bouyocas** for a Buffalo Nickel Collection, **Elayne Lynch** for a survival kit, and to **Jim and Barbara Sharp** for some hand made ear rings

Donations Are Always Appreciated!

BURIED COIN CACHE - \$25 REWARD!

FIRST CLUE:

"Let's stroll this community park off Jog Road somewhere between Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach."

SECOND CLUE:

"There are green acres of grass in this community park with 3 flag poles in front."

THIRD CLUE:

"Walk the path, on the left, there will be bathrooms and the playground will now be in view. The exercise signs are important, especially the "sit ups" exercise station."

The buried item 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 **Mindy Spiroch**. (Mindy's helpful hint: use Google!) If the cache is found by a club member, that person will receive a \$25 prize AND earn the right to bury the next cache! **Good luck everyone!** Please remember - always fill your holes!

ELAYNE AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

"And the Winners Are..."

Alan Schwartz – Digger
Irving Smith – Cap Light
Jim Sharp – Minelab Coffee Cup
Ed Weston – Silver Dime
Mindy Spiroch – Ring Holder
Tess Durand – Nickel Collection
Stacey DeLucia – Tire Pressure gauge
Linda Bennett – Ear Rings
John Scherer – Survival Kit

We thank all of our monthly donors!

(Editor's Note: Donor information was not available at press time. Please know that ALL donations are very much appreciated.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March birthday celebrants **Nikolay Malchev, Radina Malchev, and Heather McNew** each received a dollar coin during the meeting. Happy Birthday, friends!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Bob Konnagan (4/11)

Karen Larson (4/1)

*If your birthday is not listed, and it should be, or if it is listed incorrectly, please contact club secretary **Jan Smirnow** with corrections.*

CHALLENGE LEVELS

Do you enjoy a good challenge? If so, then you should join the quest to master the five challenge levels! This fun program offers a coin reward simply for finding a specific group of targets (much like a scavenger hunt) and showing those finds to the hunt master (**Linda Bennett**). You can find information about the challenge levels in your new member folder or at club meetings. For questions or explanations, come early to a meeting and speak with Linda.

NOT-TO-BE-MISSED PLANTED HUNT

12th Annual Shrimp Boil and Treasure Hunt

May 7, 2011 – Fernandina Beach City Park

24th Annual Tidewater Coin and Relic Club Hunt

May 14, 2011 - Virginia Beach

www.tc-rc.com

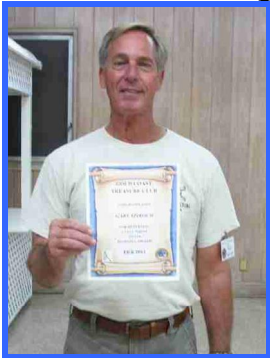
Hunt Info Will Be Available At Club Meeting

Good Will Ambassadors Performing Random Acts of Kindness

Each month, the GCTC recognizes members who provide selfless service to our community. The first time a member returns an item, that individual receives a metal detecting pin (handcrafted by **Steve Hoskins**) to wear on his or her hat, in addition to a certificate of appreciation. 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 Good Will” enhance the public’s perception of our hobby and make our club shine!

REAL AMBASSADORS

Returns Recognized at March Meeting



Gary Spiroch
Cell Phone



Linda Bennett
Cell Phone

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2011

As of March:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$987.21
PLATINUM: 0
GOLD: 26
SILVER: 42

50/50 DRAWING

This month’s lucky 50/50 winner was **Elayne Lynch**, who won a whopping \$47.50. Congratulations!

JIM SHARP’S TIP OF THE MONTH

Digging targets at the water’s edge:

When digging a target at the water’s edge, do not face the ocean, as this will almost always cause you to lose your target. When you are facing the ocean you not only have waves coming in but you have waves going out. If you are facing the water and digging, the sand that is in your scoop is being forced out and you could lose your target. Dig from the side or facing with the wave to your rear. This will help keep the target in your scoop. Until next time, *Jim Sharp*

MARCH MEETING RECAP

We had a great time this month with **Guy Bachman** of the Loxahatchee Battlefield Preservationists as our guest speaker. He spoke about this organization’s mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the Loxahatchee Battlefield and associated cultural resources. He described the Seminole War as the longest war in history, lasting more than 40 years. Because of this war the Seminole Indians became known as the “unconquerable people”. The battle ground was found just 20 short years ago by Steve Carr, and was known until recently as Riverbend Park, but now has been renamed as the Loxahatchee Battlefield Park. Guy covered some of the laws concerning metal detecting and historic sites. In conclusion Guy suggested reading “Journey into the Wilderness” by D.R. Mott to learn more of the local history. You may also learn more about the Loxahatchee Battlefield Park at this link.

<http://loxahatcheebattlefield.com/>

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TREASURER’S REPORT (as of 3.10.11):

\$1,934.49

MONTHLY BEST FINDS

Congratulations to our monthly best finds contest winners. We encourage every club member to enter the items that they have found in the previous month. Maybe next time you will be the winner. Good luck.

First Place Winners: winners receive a silver dime.

- Gold** – Gary Spiroch
- GOLD with STONE** – Paul Hamlin
- Silver** – Paul Hamlin
- Costume Jewelry** – Tom Lieberman
- Most Unusual** – Tom Lieberman
- Best Coin** – Stacey DeLucia

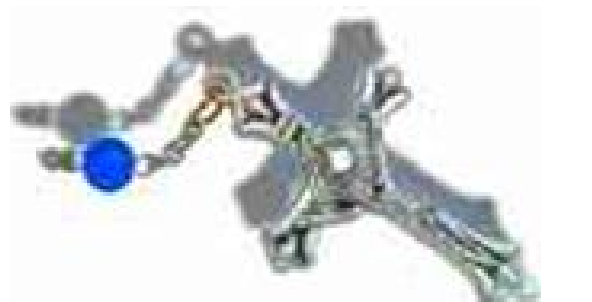
Second Place Winners: winners receive an early American coin.

- Gold** – Tom Lieberman
- Gold with Stone** – Gary Spiroch
- Silver** – Tom Lieberman
- Costume Jewelry** – Paul Hamlin
- Most Unusual** – Al Dillon
- Best Coin** – Mindy Spiroch

HERE'S THE SCOOPS!



Monthly Best Finds Winners



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206 RUSSELL DRIVE
LAKE WORTH, FL
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14, 2011: Club Meeting – Program: Why you started metal detecting?

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Fernandina City Park, More info coming soon.**

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