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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 10
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

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our speaker on February 10th will be **Harvey E. Oyer, III** who is a private practice attorney, author, lecturer, and former archaeologist living in West Palm Beach. He is a fifth-generation Floridian and the great-grand nephew of **Charlie Pierce**, the original Barefoot Mailman. Charlie Pierce is the subject of his two-book series. The books, which are now required reading for all Florida 4th graders, are enjoyable and informative reading for all ages. We thank **John Lobota** for arranging this interesting program.

Thanks in advance to our February volunteers: **Stacey deLucia** will try to stump us by bringing an unusual Mystery Item, and whenever **Marjorie and Paul Hamlin** volunteer to bring refreshments, we are in for a tasty treat.

PLATINUM QUARTERLY BEST FINDS

This month, our Best Finds competition will also feature the Platinum Category. Current members may enter any platinum items found between the October 2010 meeting and the February 2011 meeting. Since the Platinum Category is only a quarterly event, members may enter more than one platinum find in the contest.

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

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<http://www.apex-ephemera.com/gctc/>

TREASURER'S REPORT \$1,706.33

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL HUNT/ PICNIC

This annual hunt and picnic will be held on Sunday, February 20 at Ocean Inlet Park in Boynton Beach. Planted items will be American coins more than 50-years-old. A hunt orientation meeting begins at 8:15 a.m. A picnic will follow the hunt. The GCTC will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, and all eating and drinking accessories. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish. Also, don't forget to bring a chair, table, and other items that make a picnic enjoyable. The entry fee for the hunt is \$5 per metal detector. Sign up at the February club meeting or RSVP by February 18 to **Linda Bennett** (561-290-5112) with the number in your party. This will allow the club to provide enough coins and food. Only current members may participate, so, if you haven't renewed, **NOW IS THE TIME! Sorry, NO coils over 12"** or **PI detectors allowed! Also, headphones are required!** This is a standing club policy for planted hunts!

*Directions to Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd
Boynton Beach, FL:*

If traveling south on I-95:

Take the LANTANA RD exit, EXIT 61 and go East.
Turn RIGHT onto N. DIXIE HWY/US-1/N. FEDERAL HWY/SR-5/SR-805.
Take the 2nd LEFT onto E. OCEAN AVE/SR-812.
Turn RIGHT onto S. OCEAN BLVD/SR-A1A.
Go 2.7 miles. 6990 N. OCEAN BLVD is on the RIGHT.

If traveling north on I-95

Take BOYNTON BEACH BLVD Exit and go East.
Turn right on N. FEDERAL HWY/US-1.
Take first LEFT onto E. OCEAN AVE.
Turn LEFT onto N. OCEAN BLVD/SR-A1A.
Go 1.3 miles to Ocean Inlet Park, which is on the left.

THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

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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 954-971-6102. 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 or e-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:
Underwater or Beach: White's Beachcomber ID \$525;
Gold - Beach Machines: 2 Garrett Tesoro El Lobos \$425 each; White's Coinmaster 6000/Di Series 3 - \$225. All machines were purchased new and are in like-new condition. 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.

JAN. MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver dime and certificate)

BEST GOLD WITH STONES – John Lobota

(Diamond Ring)



BEST GOLD – Amy Hamedl

(14KT Bracelet)



BEST SILVER – Jim Sharp

(Silver Pandora Bracelet)



MOST UNUSUAL – Ed Morin

(Bullet Grinder)



COSTUME JEWELRY – Jim Sharp

(Ring)



BEST COIN – Gary Spiroch

(1957 Wheatie)

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives old American coin and certificate)

Gold with Stones – Jack Petenbrink (Class Ring)



Gold – Jim Sharp (Class Ring)



Silver – Tom Lieberman (Necklace)



Most Unusual – Gary McNew (Metal Detector)



Costume – Mindy Spiroch (Watch)



Coin – Amy Hamedl (Sacagawea Dollar)

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

MONTHLY BEST FIND WINNERS



**Jim Sharp, Amy Hamedl,
Ed Morin, John Lobota, Gary Spiroch**

2010 ANNUAL BEST FINDS

In January, club members voted on the entries for the Annual Best Finds Contest. The winners for the 10 major categories each received a silver quarter and a certificate, as well as the honor of having a picture of their winning find displayed on the website for a year.

Congratulations to our 2010 Best Finds Contest Winners!



Gary McNew, Stacey DeLucia, Jim Sharp, Amy Hamedl, Bob Smirnow



**BEST PLATINUM
DIAMOND RING
STACEY deLUCIA**



**BEST GOLD WITH STONES
18 KT DIAMOND RING
BOB SMIRNOW**



**BEST GOLD
10 KT GRILL
BOB SMIRNOW**



**BEST SILVER
SETA RING WITH CZ
STACEY deLUCIA**



BEST COSTUME JEWELRY
CRYSTAL & ENAMEL GIRAFFE CUFF
STACEY deLUCIA



OLDEST AMERICAN COIN
1899 BARBER DIME
JIM SHARP



MOST UNUSUAL
FLASHING SUNGLASSES
GARY McNEW



BEST TOY
ZEBRA
GARY MCNEW



BEST TOKEN
ROYAL CARRIBEAN
JIM SHARP



BEST FOREIGN COIN
PORTUGUESE 50 CENTAVOS
AMY HAMEDL

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!

REPEAT AMBASSADORS

Returns Recognized at January Meeting



Jim Sharp
Class Ring



Jack Saint
Wedding Band

Jim Sharp returned a school ring *that had been in the water for two years* to Robert Wysong, pictured below:



Jack Saint returned a wedding band to Daniel Gonzales, pictured below, who had lost his father's wedding band.



UNSUNG HEROES 2010

The second annual "Unsung Hero" Trophy was awarded to **Jim Sharp** in recognition for returning the most number of lost items to their rightful owners during 2010. The impressive trophy, which features the names of all members who returned items during 2010, will be on display during future meetings. We salute ALL of our Good Will Ambassadors for their selfless service to others!



UNSUNG HEROES 2010

JIM SHARP (8)
PAUL HAMLIN (5)
GARY McNEW (4)
JAN SMIRNOW (4)
GARY SPIROCH (3)
STACEY deLUCIA (2)
KAREN LARSON (1)
JACK SAINT (1)
PETE SCHNEIDER (1)
BOB SMIRNOW (1)

MONTHLY FINDS

When you fill out your Best Finds Description sheet, please remember to write your name on the back of the sheet; on the front, write the letter of the block in which you placed your item. This will help us correctly ID the winners. If you have questions, ask Linda at the meeting.

Also, you must be a *current* GCTC member to enter the Best Finds Contest. Since we are still collecting dues for 2011, all entries will be verified for eligibility.

Hunt Info Will Be Available At Club Meeting

24th Annual Tidewater Coin and Relic Club Hunt
May 14, 2011 - Virginia Beach
www.tc-rc.com

TCAS 24th Annual Benefit Hunt
Saturday, March 12, 2011 Wabasso, Florida
<http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm>

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!

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.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS!

The club thanks **Jim Sharp** for his donation of two books to the club library.

Donations Are Always Appreciated!

COIN CACHE

After ten months of searching, the longest running and most frustrating coin cache in club history has *finally* been found by **Gary Spiroch**. After many hours and trips to Phipps Park on US 1, Gary successfully located the cache after **Irving Smith** gave a final clue during the January meeting. The cache was at least six inches deep and only produced a faint sound. *Congrats, Gary! Your perseverance finally paid off!* Come claim your well-deserved \$25 award at the February meeting.

NEW BURIED COIN CACHE - \$25 REWARD!

FIRST CLUE:

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

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 **Gary Spiroch**. 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! GET OUT THERE! AND, please remember - always fill your holes!**

AMERICAN DIGGER MAGAZINE

American Digger Magazine, created especially for detectorists and collectors, has been in publication for nearly seven years. Each issue contains illustrated articles on the recovery of a wide variety of excavated items, including military relics, coins, fossils, antique bottles, and Native American artifacts. If an item can be dug from the ground or recovered from the water, *American Digger* likes to write about it. For more information about this bi-monthly publication, check out the website, below.

Aspiring writers, take note: *American Digger* is always interested in receiving story submissions concerning metal detecting adventures.

<http://www.americandigger.com>

The GCTC thanks *American Digger Magazine* for donating a one-year subscription. We combined that subscription with the battery charger to make an extra special raffle prize, which **Linda Bennett** won.



JANUARY CLUB HUNT AT DREHER PARK

Twelve members who gathered for a morning hunt at Dreher Park were greeted with Dunkin' Donuts coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of the GCTC. One club member hunted for 15 minutes before deciding that the beach was the only place to be. **Les Batts** found the most in change – over \$5 – but it helped that he found four Sacagawea dollars! **Gary Spiroch** found two Boy Scout items and a Harley Davidson pin. **Irving Smith** found an unusual ring in the shape of a boom box.



JANUARY MEETING

Our new President, **Gary McNew**, opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a greeting to members and guests. Our January program was the much-anticipated 2010 Annual Best Finds Contest.

Treasurer **Ed D'Amato** reminded everyone that January 31st is the deadline to renew memberships. Annual dues are \$30, plus an additional \$5 initiation fee for new members and lapsed members.

Secretary **Jan Smirnow** thanked all who have donated pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Keep them coming; we still have lots of space in our container!

We awarded TWO special raffles this month. **Drew Van Deventer** won the one hour Massage and absentee Hunt Master **Linda Bennett** won the Battery Charger and *American Digger Magazine* subscription. WTG!

Ed D'Amato provided the delicious refreshments and **Gary McNew** provided the January Mystery Stumper - a needle threader of all things - which no one had!

50/50 DRAWING

Amy Hamedl was the lucky 50/50 winner! She won a whopping \$49.50. Congratulations, Amy!

JIM SHARP'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Tides and Beaches

When going to the beach, check the night before to see when low tide is going to start. There are a number of tide charts out there. Find one that you like. Also, check to see if that area has an online web cam. The reason that we do this is because most of these sites have pictures from the past 24 hours and you can see where people were sitting and when there was a lot of traffic on the sand and in the water.

I normally check to see when people were there and when most left the beach. Also you will see where people went into the water most of the time.

Most people when they go to the beach will pick out points of interest to put down their blankets. They will sit in front of the lifeguard stand so when they are in the water they know where their stuff is located.

Until the next time, research then search. *Jim Sharp*



POSITIVE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

Betty Laur recently had her last surgery and should be on the mend in 4-6 weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon.

The club expresses sympathy to **Frank Nash** for the recent death of his mother and to **Pauline Nash** for the loss of her grandmother.

ELAYNE AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

"And the Winners Are..."

John Lobota – Minelab Coffee Cup

Jim Sharp – Water Seal Bag

Rick Scott – Digger

Paul Hamlin – Tide Calendar

Irving Smith – *"Coin Digging in Depth"* by Dick Stout

Patrick Burk – Coin Sorter

Irving Smith – Scoop

Irving Smith – Lottery Ticket

Karen Larson – Lottery Ticket (2)

Patrick Burk – Water Seal Container

Irving Smith – Water Seal Container

Mindy Spiroch – Collection Pouch

We thank the following generous donors:

Kellyco: Collection pouch; **White's**: Digger, *"Coin Digging in Depth"* book; **Ben Smith**: lottery tickets; **Jim Sharp**: water seal containers; **Karen Larson**: scoop, coin sorter; **Minelab and Frank Nash**: Minelab coffee cup; **Bob and Jan Smirnow**: Tide calendar.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January birthday boys **Jack Petenbrink** and **Irving Smith** both received a dollar coin during the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Carmelo Basilico (2/9)

Glenn Gamble (2/3)

Amy Hamedl (2/15)

Vera Hujar (2/5)

Joanne Keeley (2/16)

Pauline Nash (2/3)

Nancy Maduri (2/21)

Peter Maduri (2/19)

Tim Mooney (2/28)

Cheryl Petenbrink (2/13)

Marilyn Smith (2/5)

Mindy Spiroch (2/3)

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

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2011

As of January:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$457.99

PLATINUM: 0

GOLD: 18

SILVER: 25



GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB

Membership Renewal Form

Name_____

Address_____

City/State_____

Zip Code_____

Phone #_____

Cell Phone #_____

E-mail _____

Please _____ DO _____ DO NOT
Include my address, phone # and e-mail
address in the new club directory.

(Note: members' names, at least, will be included. Directory goes to members
ONLY.)

MAIL (with renewal check) TO:

**Gold Coast Treasure Club
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11745 Greenbriar Circle
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UPCOMING EVENTS



February 10, 2011: Club Meeting – Program Speaker: Harvey E. Oyer, III

February 14, 2011: Valentine's Day (*Don't Forget Your Sweetie!*)

February 20, 2011: Jim Warnke Memorial Hunt and Picnic

March 12, 2011: 24th Annual TCAS Hunt – Wabasso Beach, FL

May 14, 2011: 24th Annual Tidewater Coin & Relic Club Hunt - Virginia Beach, VA

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