

# THE TINFOIL TIMES



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

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**APRIL 2005**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM 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**

### **Successful Competition Hunting Tips**

The 3rd Annual Great Southern Beach Shootout is just around the corner (April 29 - May 1) and it promises to be a hunt to remember! Those of us who have participated in this Daytona Beach event can attest to how much fun it is. If you've never hunted a competition hunt, and even if you are an old pro, you'll want to join us for the **April 14th** meeting, which will focus on "how to" tips for successful competition hunting. Come to learn helpful hints, "tried and true" techniques and best practices to give yourself that competitive edge! Seasoned competition hunters will show you the "tools of the trade" and what you need to know to score amazing prizes and build your silver coin collection. We'll even have ongoing slide shows of past competition hunts. So, come ready to ask questions and share YOUR helpful hints and tall tales. See you there!

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**Remember to return any library books or videos  
that you checked out last month.**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**\$1787.67**

## **CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE**

T-SHIRTS WITH LARGE PATCH: \$15.00  
PENS WITH CLUB NAME: \$3.00  
CLUB TOWELS: \$3.00

## **FACE VALUE OF COINS BROUGHT TO**

### **TALL TALES TABLE 2005**

DOLLAR AMOUNT \$1574.52

GOLD 7

SILVER 32

## **INVITATION FROM PALM BEACH**

### **COIN CLUB**

Tony Swicer, President, has invited us to their April 27 meeting which will feature a speaker from the Odyssey Marine Exploration. This company is responsible for salvaging the *SS Republic*. Artifacts will be on display. Coins will be for sale. Their meeting is at the Women's Garden Club in Dreher Park (the same building we meet in) and starts at 7 PM.

# THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

*Founded in 1973 by Ted Rudd*

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Jason and Jack Petenbrink

**Photographer:** Steve Hoskins

**Librarian:** Cheryl Petenbrink

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## **CLUB MAILING ADDRESS**

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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 and used detectors and also scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing (call for details).

954-971-6102 or [www.rtgstore.com](http://www.rtgstore.com)

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## **MITZI BERGRUD**

Need a mortgage? Buying a home? Want to finance before the rates go up? Special rebate of \$250 to club members. Call us at: First United Mortgage Group.

**ED WESTON** Wanted: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-622-9282.

**JAN SMIRNOW** To Linda Bennett: Thanks Linda for all you do, you are doing an outstanding job on the Newsletter and you are a great Huntmaster. Bob and I really appreciate your efforts for the Club and your friendship. Jan S.

*Club Members can advertise items for sale or items wanted free of charge. These items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Linda Bennett to place your ad.*

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## **RICHARD'S TIP**

Always recheck those holes with your metal detector after you recover an item. Many times you will find a second or more items buried in the same hole.

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## **MEMBER TIP**

Cheryl Petenbrink just had her bigfoot coil repaired. For \$75 the company rewired the inside of the coil, replaced the cord on the outside and replaced the bottom white part of coil. She reports it seems to work like brand new. They give a one year warranty on their work. The name and address of the company: Applied Creativity, Inc., 23602 Harris Road, Philomath, Oregon 97370. Telephone number: 541-929-6616; Fax: 541-929-3213.

# ASON AND JACK'S CORNER

## AND THE WINNERS ARE!

### DOOR PRIZES

Silver Round -**Ernie Bouyoucas**

Magnifying Glass-**John Presslein**

Ring Case-**Cheryl Petenbrink**

Susan B. Anthony Coin Set-**Cheryl Petenbrink**

Tool Pouch-**Ernie Bouyoucas**

*ations of items for our monthly drawings are always  
eciated! This month, we'd like to thank Linda Bennett for the  
pouch and Richard Zabriskie for the ring case.*

### MYSTERY ITEM

ry month a volunteer is needed to help stump  
ow club members with a secret treasure picked out  
you! This past month's stumper, a hair clip, was  
ight in by **Mitzi Bergrud**. But **Bob Smirnow** did  
get stumped and he won a Silver half dollar.  
*ember to bring all items found. You never know what will be  
month's mystery item!*

### 50/50 DRAWING

**Cheryl Petenbrink** won \$32.00 for her share of the  
drawing. IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

### MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar)

#### BEST GOLD

Class Ring: **Cheryl Petenbrink**

#### BEST SILVER

Locket: **Les Batts**

#### MOST UNUSUAL

Silver Dragon: **Bob Dobski**

#### COSTUME JEWELRY

Chain: **Les Batts**

### BIRTHDAYS

March birthday celebrants **Marilyn Batts**, **Ja  
Petenbrink**, **John Presslein**, and **Sarah Somn**  
received silver quarters for attending the mee  
during their birthday month.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO

**Bob Grubb**

**Bob Konnagon**

**Karen Larson**

*Remember, come to a meeting during your birthday month  
you will receive a gift of a silver quarter!*

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### Update on Erik Kristensen

Erik is home now and looking forward to visit  
Please call first. If you cannot visit, continue to s  
cards, letters, jokes, etc. For more details call Linda

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### NEW RAFFLE

Karen Larson announced the club's new raffle ite  
1721 Silver Cross 2 Reale, with Certificate  
Authenticity. It was minted in Spain and is  
excellent condition. The coin is valued at \$150  
\$200. Raffle tickets are \$5. You better hurry, there  
only 13 of the 40 tickets left!

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April means that our seasonal members will soon  
going back north. To clarify things for our seas  
members, you too are welcome to participate in  
Treasure Hunter of the Year and challenge con  
Keep track of your finds and bring them to the  
meeting you attend after coming back to Florida.





**FROM OUR SISTER CLUB -**  
**South Florida Gold Coast Chapter – GPAA**  
**All You Ever Wanted to Know About GPS**

The new navigation GPS is used by millions around the world everyday. The idea for GPS is to use satellites orbiting in space to find your whereabouts here on earth. Come to the South Florida Gold Coast Chapter of the GPAA meeting Saturday, April 16th at 10:30 AM to view a video on the instruction of the key features on operating characteristics of GARMIN GPS handheld units. The on screen examples and hands-on demonstrations will teach how to mark waypoints, find and navigate to destinations, and set up routes. If you own a GARMIN bring it to the meeting.

Anyone wanting further information on visiting the Crater of Diamonds Park in Murfreesboro, Arkansas the last week of April please send inquiries to [@aol.com](mailto:WeDigGold@earthlink.net)

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**GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT**

The 3rd Annual Great Southern Beach Shootout will be April 29 through May 1 in Daytona Beach. Several things have been added, such as an afternoon hunt sponsored by Kellyco with a lot of great prizes and a Friday evening social with live music. For more information, contact Belle Peyton at 386-255-4659 [peyton@cfl.rr.com](mailto:peyton@cfl.rr.com) or Ray Leist 386-428-3401 [huntmaster@ucnsb.net](mailto:huntmaster@ucnsb.net). Further information will be provided at the next club meeting.

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**FOREIGN COINS**

Our club, along with the SFTHC, will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. Over 4000 children attend this camp every summer. Keith Wills and his club in Texas have been teaching campers how to use metal detectors and then planting foreign coins for them to find. The children are shown that there is a recreational sport they can do despite their handicap. The collection of coins needs to be mailed in the middle of May. Thanks to **Irving Smith** for this donation of a baggie full of coins at the March meeting.

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

**BURIED COINS CACHE**  
**CLUE NUMBER ONE**

The coins are in the northwest part of a park with initials " L. L."

**CLUE NUMBER TWO**

Remember the clue about the northwest. Maybe a couple of trees will help you the best.

*Burial of cache and clues provided by Jim Smith. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25.*

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**TECH/INTERNET TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA**

Minelab has announced a new metal detector called the Sovereign GT. It has some wonderful new features like Auto Ground Tracking, Silent or Threshold Search, Iron Mask Switch and Pinpoint Mode along with single or multi-tone audio. It has the power of 17 frequencies with every option needed. The initial reports indicate that it has excellent sensitivity to small relics and small gold with extreme depth. It can be used in the All Metal, Auto Ground Tracking Mode with Tone ID for the greatest depth and sensitivity on beach, relic or coin hunting. Suggested retail is \$799.95 Dealer Price \$679.00.

Have a detector to sell? I have some suggestions. The number one best place to sell a metal detector is on Ebay. If you have an Ebay account and can navigate through placing a listing, this is where you will get the best price. If you don't have an Ebay account, find a friend or associate that could place the listing for you. Remember that there are fees involved with selling on Ebay, which can run as much as five percent. The next best place to sell a detector is on The Treasure Depot ([www.thetreasuredepot.com](http://www.thetreasuredepot.com)) Classified Forum. Here you can place a "for sale or trade" post for free. For buyer protection, Ebay maintains feedback on its sellers and the Depot has a feedback forum so you can learn about buyers or sellers before any money or merchandise is exchanged. I have sold several detectors on each venue with all transactions being smooth and faultless. Don't forget to research the current selling price for your detector on these two sites to avoid offering your machine way too high the first time around. It is important to understand that the buyer determines the price of a used detector, not you. I have found that by offering a detector at the going rate, it will sell with the first listing, saving time and money. The buyer always pays shipping costs, unless otherwise arranged. UPS works best, as they offer tracking insurance and proof of delivery along with pickup



## MARCH MEETING

Stacey deLucia and Cheryl Petenbrink were in charge of the Silent Auction. Thanks to everyone who came early to set up, you all did a great job! President Kurt Herring welcomed one guest, **Eddie Heitzer**. New member **Gerard Beaulieu** told a great story about man's best friend and cold cash. If you did not attend this meeting, you missed a great story. Hope you can catch Gerard and hear it. Gerard is a member of ten different metal detecting clubs and hopefully will have new ideas for the club.

A brief business meeting was held. Thanks to **Mitzi Bergrud** (Mystery Item) and **Cheryl Petenbrink** (Refreshments). **Secretary Jan Smirnow** made a "Request for Refreshments" sign up list. Please volunteer to help out; it will make the meetings a little shorter, i.e. one less thing to do! We need someone to volunteer each month to bring in two bags of ice and 6 bottles (2 liter size) of soda. Snacks are optional. The club reimburses up to \$15 towards refreshment purchases. The cooler, cups, napkins and plates are provided by the club. So please help us, volunteer, we need volunteers for the following months: May, June, September and October.

Vice President Stacey deLucia explained how the Silent Auction works, then thanked everyone for their generous donations. A 45 minute break was held to allow time for bidding, munching and chatting. It appeared that the most popular items in the auction were the Treasure magazines, scoops and metal detectors. When President Herring announced the final ten minutes of the auction, everyone gathered around the tables for some serious bidding! At the end of the ten minutes, we all gathered our won treasures and



## TCAS COMPETITION HUNT

**Richard Zabriskie, Irving Smith and Bob Dobski** traveled to Wabasso on March 12 for the annual competition hunt sponsored by the Treasure Coast Archeological Society (TCAS) Club. All three found a special key. Only one would open the treasure box. Bob's key opened the chest and it contained a vast array of metal detecting tools. In addition, Bob found prize washers for a hat and t-shirt. Richard and Irving also found prize washers. Richard won a folding shovel and Irving won headphones and a headlight.

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## HUNT AT CAMP OKLAWAHA

Ten members from the GCTC and one member from the CFMDC traveled to Sebastian to spend the day hunting at the Boy Scout camp. This camp is a little more primitive and not as old as the Boy Scout camp in Tequesta, but it still has a large number of campers. Around \$20 was found, with Irving Smith finding the most at \$6.82 and Richard second at \$4.15. Two Wheat pennies were found by Bob Dobski. Cheryl Petenbrink found a silver ring. The most unusual items were found by Richard Zabriskie (an Indian River Sheriff's pin) and by Coral Clarke of CFMDC (a leather stamp). A large number of yellow colored pennies were recovered. According to the ranger, these pennies were used in a catapult during one of the camper outings.





## GCTC Goes to Nassau

We are cruising to Nassau from June 3-5th for one day of beach hunting!! The Imperial Majesty is an older, smaller cruise ship that sails continuously to Nassau from Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. All meals, shows, and casino gambling are free. Of course – bar bills are not. We will board Friday evening between 1 PM and 3:30 PM. Most of Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM will be available for detecting (or whatever) in Nassau. Cable Beach – probably the largest and most popular – is approximately 3 miles from the harbor and downtown/straw market area of Nassau. Local buses run throughout the day for \$1.

Everyone interested is free to make their own travel arrangements. Regular staterooms are available with Imperial Majesty from \$179 pp plus a \$20 gratuity. The cruise line has advertised a special offer at \$129 pp plus \$20 gratuity. The price difference is due to smaller cabins with only upper and lower berths rather than two single beds. The ship only has 30 of these promotional cabins, and they will sell out quickly.

We've put together a page of answers to frequently asked questions that will be available at our next meeting. Additional information is also available on the cruise line's website <http://www.imperialmajesty.com>. Their reservation phone number is 800-394-3865.

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## 2005 CLUB DIRECTORY

The club directory was mailed with the March newsletter. If you did not get one let Linda know. The directory is for your personal use only. The names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are to be used only for contact within the club. If there are any errors or omissions please notify Jan Smirnow, 561-735-8921. Additions or changes to the directory will be printed in the newsletter for you to add to your copy of the directory.

### Correction to directory:

Ernie Bouyoucas e-mail address is: taso43@adelphia.net

### Additions to directory:

Summer address: Gerald and Geri Beaulieu, 31 Rocky Brook Rd,  
Reidville NL Canada A8A-2Z4

James Gillicee, 202 N. Palmway, Lake Worth, FL 33460

410-271-1758

## Boy Scout Hunt at Tanah Keeta

The weather on February 27 showed who were wimps - oops I mean fair weather hunters versus who were the fanatical metal detectorists. 15 people braved the steady drizzle of rain in 60 degree weather. No one complained about being too hot! The weather did improve by 10 AM. The hunt was co-hosted with the SFGPAA. Val Wilson of that group made arrangements to hunt from 8 AM to 2 PM. Four members from the Sebastian group (TCAS), Mitch King, Frank Hanson, Richard and Joan Hart, also joined us. A total of \$49.17 was found. The top three cash finders were Richard Zabriskie at \$12.99, Frank Hanson at \$7.38, and Mitch King at \$6.77. Only one silver coin was found, a 1962 dime by Jim Smith. Nine Wheat pennies were found: Bob Dobski - 1952; Richard Zabriskie - 1946; Ed Berry - 1956; Mitch King - two 1958's; Joan Hart -1949; Frank Hanson -1939 and 1958; Jim Smith - 1945. A 1919 King George large cent was found by Frank Hanson. 15 Boy Scout items were found: Bob Dobski and Frank Hanson found 4 items; Richard Hart found 3; Mitch King found 2. Linda Bennett and Joan Hart found 1 apiece. Two of Bob's Boy Scout items were old-from the 1950's. Military insignia, two knives and a bottle were other interesting items found. A special treat of delicious corn on the cob with butter and huge hamburgers were provided by the camp. They were leftovers from the leadership training program that was going on concurrently at the camp.





## KNOLLWOOD GROVES HUNT

On short notice, 20 members showed up to hunt Knollwood Groves before it is sold for a housing development. Thanks to Doug Wolfmueller for obtaining special permission from the sellers, Barbara and Tom Dwyer. Knollwood Groves has been a working citrus grove and roadside produce stand for over 60 years.

Amos and Andy of Hollywood fame originally opened the grove in 1930 and owned it until 1936. The club last hunted this site in 1998. We were free to hunt throughout the 30 acre property. A total of \$10.79 was found, with Les Batts finding the most change of \$2.19. Ernie Bouyoucas found a nice antique looking turquoise silver ring. Gail Hoskins spent time at the old homesite dump and found 6 old bottles. A 1955 Wheat penny was found by Cheryl Petenbrink. Stacey deLucia also found a Wheat penny. A brass bowl was found by Karen Larson. Other odds and ends were found and members were allowed to take home a few plants.



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## INTERNET SITES

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

[www.floridalink.com/webcam/beach.htm](http://www.floridalink.com/webcam/beach.htm)

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

## SELL YOUR FINDS!

Several people have suggested that GCTC help members to sell their finds and hobby-related equipment. Other clubs regularly include an auction as part of their monthly program; and, we've decided to give it a try as well. You can participate by bringing an item with a written description and reserve price. All items will be displayed during the meeting and orally auctioned. If your reserve price is met, your item will be sold; otherwise of course, you simply keep it. Is there a catch? Well, a little one. If your item sells for more than your reserve price, we ask that you donate the difference to the club. As we try out this new feature, these thoughts might be useful: 1) adequately clean, display, and describe your item; 2) limit your submission to one (for now) hobby-related item; 3) set a reasonable reserve price (an amount that you would actually pay). Inexpensive items will undoubtedly sell the best. So think about whether you really want to keep those old silver coins, or jewelry you found and no one ever sees. Or, whether that scoop in the closet is doing anyone any good.

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## NEXT CLUB HUNT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16. We will meet at 7 PM at Boynton Beach for a wild hunt with some planted surprises. Be sure to bring your headlight. Please do not start hunting on the beach if you arrive early. From I-95 go east on Boynton Beach Blvd. to A1A. Then go north to Boynton Beach. There is no charge for parking after 5 PM.

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When was the last time you had a chance to get out and do some metal detecting? Find something you were proud of? Have something unusual or funny happen? Why not consider sharing it with the rest of us? We would all like to know and see what our members are doing and finding. Members are always welcome to send submissions detailing their recent hunts and finds.

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### FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 253.12

The title to all coastal and intra-coastal waters is vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund if it has not already been conveyed by deed or statute to private owners or other public ownership. The riparian owner whose ownership extends to the high water mark of the navigable water in question has the right of ingress and egress and the right to boat, bathe and fish and to view over the navigable waters bordering on his upland. All of this sovereignty land or navigable land is held in trust for the use of the public so that the public would be entitled to walk along the beach below the high water line.

*One important reminder! It is against the law to disobey the orders of a police officer!*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16: Club Hunt at Boynton Beach 7 PM  
April 29-May 1: Great Southern Beach Shootout  
June 3-5: Nassau Trip  
TBA: Picnic with SFTHC