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

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. APRIL 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

APRIL MEETING

You probably have found some wonderful jewelry and coins over the years, but do you really know what your treasures are worth? If you want to find out, don't miss our April 12th meeting! **Tony Swicer** and **Ray Duclos**, owner of **Rechant's Precious Metals**, will join us again as our featured speakers. Rechant's has been in business in the same location for 30 years. They will tell us how to figure out what your silver and gold should sell for if selling for the metal content. And once again, they welcome members to bring coins, jewelry or other items that you may be wondering about for an onsite evaluation. Ray and Tony will bring a diamond tester, a gold tester and decades of professional experience.

Thank you in advance to **Donna Russo**, who volunteered to bring Refreshments for the April meeting. We'd like to also thank **Ernie Bouyoucas** for volunteering to stump us with a Mystery Item. Be sure to bring ALL the items you find for the Tall Tales Table. You might just win a silver half-dollar!

SPEAKING OF COINS... CHECK OUT THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE!

Thank you, **Nikolay Malchev** ("The Bulgarian"), for donating an ancient Roman coin to the club to raffle off. He found it in a farm field while treasure hunting in Bulgaria. Add this priceless, undated (B.C.) coin to your collection! Only 40 chances will be offered for \$2 each. This one is sure to sell out quick! Additional information will be available about the coin at the meeting.



Don't Miss the Pre-Meeting Fun at Park Ave. BBQ!

Each month, a group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! Just show up and look in the back room for our smiling faces. Pay your own way. (If you need directions, please check a prior newsletter.)

Park Ave. BBQ & Grille 2401 North Dixie Hwy (US 1) Lake Worth, Florida

NEXT CLUB HUNT – April 15

This month's club hunt will be held on Sunday at Juno Beach Pier at 8 a.m. Directions to the pier are as follows: I-95 to Donald Ross Road. Go east on Donald Ross Road to A1A. Go north. Free parking will be across the street from the pier. Meet in the parking lot. Please do not arrive early and start hunting the beach.

Early birds can meet for breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 6:30 a.m. Directions to Cracker Barrel: I-95 to 45th Street. Go west on 45th. Turn left on Metrocentre Blvd. Follow Metrocentre to the end of the street.

The Gold Coast Treasure Club extends sympathy to Ted Rudd's wife and family.

Ted was the founder of this club, establishing the Gold Coast Treasure Club in 1973, thirty-four years ago. Please see a tribute to Ted in the newsletter.

Please remember to return any library books or videos that you checked out last month.

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

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 Has low prices plus 10% discount to members.

TOM LIEBERMAN: Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409 or email: telieberman@aol.com.

MITZI BERGRUD - Too Expensive living in South Florida? Consider the pleasant climate, cheap land, very low taxes in N. E. Alabama. Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain range with Weiss Lake, one of the largest lakes in the S. E. and the least crowded lake in the region. Beautiful acre lots as low as \$13,500 or how about 3.79 acres for \$18,900 with financing? For a Brochure on more lots & acreage call Mitzi Bergrud at 561-790-3997 South Star R. E. or email southstar@earthlink.net

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

PAULINE NASH - Farm fresh free ranging eggs for sale \$3 a dozen and \$2 a dozen for smaller size. All money goes to Pauline's Nash bank account for her "Eggucation Fund." Also available is a limited supply of fresh organic honey starting at \$3 a bottle to \$11 for largest size. We also have large Myer Lemons and Star fruit available at the present time. Reserve your order for each meeting by calling 561-743-5248.

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.

NOTE: Ads for hunting partners are located elsewhere in the newsletter in the section "Have Detector, Will Travel."

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors: Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, John Lobota, Ernie Bouyoucas, Ken Lubinski and Jan Smirnow.



GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES-NONE THIS MONTH DUE TO SILENT AUCTION

METAL DETECTOR RAFFLE

Our raffle of a gently used White's XLT detector and accessories sold out quickly. For the first time the club had to put a limit on how many tickets could be bought per person. The metal detector was donated in memory of club member **Ed Berry** by his widow, **Kathryn Berry.** The lucky winner was guest, **Bob Taylor**.



50/50 DRAWING

Irving Smith won \$72 for his share of the 50/50 drawing.

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery

TREASURER'S REPORT \$1,638.62

TALL TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF MARCH 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,368.24 PLATINUM: 2 GOLD: 27 SILVER: 53

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – BOB SMIRNOW



BEST SILVER – BOB SMIRNOW



MOST UNUSUAL - ERNIE BOUYOUCAS



COSTUME JEWELRY –ERNIE BOUYOUCAS



BEST COIN – ERNIE BOUYOUCAS



MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting was called to order with great anticipation of the guests and members to start the silent bidding on the items donated by club members, but everyone had to wait until break time to proceed with the auction. Thirty-nine members and seven guests attended. One of the guests became a member: **Frank Michelson**.

An extra long break was held for the Silent Auction, which raised \$212.25 for the club treasury. Thank you to **Cheryl Petenbrink** for providing the refreshments.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Certificate presented for returning an item to its rightful owner

Ken Lubinski - Medic Alert tag Stacey deLucia - Cell phone Stacey deLucia - Diamond ring

We like to recognize those in our club who go out of their way to provide selfless service to our community. Kudos to you for advancing our hobby by returning items to their owners!

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RICHARD'S TIP

Never leave your metal detector in the back seat of your car, lock them in the trunk – things out in the open can cause a break in of your car!

MEMBER TIPS

Stacey deLucia — Always be aware of your surroundings and protect your belongings. Ladies, when in your car, do not leave your purse on the passenger side seat where a thief can easily smash your window and grab your purse. Always lock your car when gassing up. Also, when eating in a restaurant, do not leave your purse easily accessible on the table or chair, especially if you are sitting by the door. (Stacey said she learned the hard way. Feel free to ask about her experience as a purse snatching victim.)

Bob Smirnow – There is a new battery store in Lantana called "Batteries Plus," located at 6250 Lantana Road, Suite 1; Tel No. 561-304-0707 (on Lantana Road West of Military, East of Jog, South side in large shopping center behind the Outback Steak House). This store carries all types of batteries, available singularly or in bulk of 24, etc. Good prices! Be sure to check out the Industrial Alkaline Batteries by NUON available in double AA's - they last longer. The store also refurbishes rechargeable battery packs for drills and has repacked Minelab Excal rechargeable battery packs. For any questions, see Bob at the next meeting.

Ernie Bouyoucas – Please fill your holes – Protect our hobby.

Jan Smirnow - Checkout the DVD/CD release, prepared for the GCTC by Steve Hoskins, club photographer. It is an Album of 2006 Photos put to music - \$10 - really fun to see yourself and your fellow club members - great way to remember the year that was! Cost of \$10. Steve is only getting reimbursed the cost of supplies; the remainder goes to the club treasury. Cheryl Petenbrink - Available at Home Depot for \$14.99 is a digging tool. It is called 7-1 Planter's Buddy.

You can also view it online:

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BIRTHDAYS

March birthday celebrants **Guy Bachman**, **Nikolay Malchev**, **Warren Megibow** and **Jason Petenbrink** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday, gang!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Bob Konnagan (4/11) Karen Larson (4/1) Jerry Turner (4/16)

What do the above people have in common? If they come to the meeting during their birthday month, they <u>each</u> will receive a gift of a silver quarter!

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GCTC IN THE NEWS

In the April 2007 edition of "Western and Eastern Treasures" Magazine, the club was featured in **Dick Stout's** column, *Club News and Views*. Our Funniest Question/Answer Contest was covered. If you do not subscribe to this magazine, see **Linda Bennett** to read her copy.

"Lost Treasure Magazine" sends out a free newsletter online. *Our club* was the featured club this month!

To view the article:

www.losttreasure.com/Newsletter/index.cfm?NewsletterID=225&PageToGo=388

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

WANTED: Hunting buddies – have machine and scoop but need a buddy. Afternoons preferred. Call **Barb Rosenberg:** 561-588-8881.

PAUL HAMLIN – WANTED: Hunting partners for new member. Excalibur experience preferred. 561-582-1295.

STACEY DELUCIA – Hunting / Travel buddies - Thinking about hunting South Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Deerfield or Hollywood Beach, but don't want to make the trip alone and want someone to split the gas bill with? Your car or mine, I'm game! Call me at 561-687-2310 or e-mail: sdeLuc823@aol.com to set it up!

STACEY DELUCIA – **Roommate** (FEMALE) for the Great Southern Beach Shootout to split expenses. I already have a room reserved at the Plaza Resort & Spa. New cell phone number: 561-846-1327.

5th GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT APRIL 27 - 29, 2007

Held every year at Daytona Beach, Florida, the GSBS has quickly become known as the world's largest beach metal detection event! This year's Great Southern Beach Shootout will feature several competition hunts, plus a kid's hunt! As always, thousands of coins, prizes and cash awards will make this GSBS an event not to be missed by any metal detecting enthusiast! Several GCTC members are going! Don't miss out on all the fun! Information and application forms will be available at the April 12th meeting.

http://www.gsbs.adephoto.com/

BASIC METAL DETECTING RULES

- 1) Always get permission to detect. (This does not mean your own.)
- 2) Always fill your holes and leave the area better than it was. Use a probe and if you can afford it, also use an electronic pinpointing probe. Practice your digging techniques before you ever detect on a nicely manicured lawn, whether private or public.
- 3) Research is 90% of the time that will be spent if you want to find old coins, valuables, caches, relics, etc.
- 4) Join a reputable club. Like the GCTC!!!

Experience + research = success

TCAS 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian held its annual competition hunt on Saturday, March 10 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. GCTC members who attended the hunt were as follows: Richard Zabriskie, Ken Lubinski, Irving Smith, Bob Dobski, Jerry and Betty Laur and Frank and Pauline Nash.



Prizes were won by the following members: **Bob Dobski** – Garrett Bag

Pauline Nash - First prize in the kid's competition. She won a Garrett Ace 150 Metal Detector.



Pauline also correctly guessed how many marbles were in a jar. Her guess was 586 and she got it right on the nose. She won a Morgan Silver Dollar!

The first hunt was for tokens. The winner found 175. GCTC member results were: Irving: 107; Bob: 71; Ken: 49; Richard: 43; Frank: 38; Pauline: 29; Jerry: 7.

The second hunt was for silver dimes, quarters, half dollars and prize tokens. Irving led our group with 41 dimes recovered. Irving also found a top ten grand prize token, but unfortunately it was not a winner.

During the silver hunt, Irving lost his car keys. If you were to lose anything, this was the time and the place. One of the participants found the keys while looking for silver.

Submitted by Ken Lubinski

BURIED COIN CACHE CLUE NUMBER ONE

CLUE ONE

"The cache is hidden in an area named after a variety of aromatic flowering tropical shrubs. If you dine at the Dune, you are close to the find!"

CLUE TWO

You will know the name of the park when you solve the jumbles below. The answers to the jumbled words are things you will find when metal detecting.

| R U T S A R Q E |
|------------------|
| EOTNSK |
| S C N A |
| G L E T I R H |
| C K I NF J E K A |
| L UTLPBA |
| E L C C A K E N |
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CLUE THREE

Look for the "Mother-In-Law-Tongues," the cache is buried nearby to one of them.

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

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00 Club Towels: \$3.00 Club Patches: \$5.00 GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This will be a year-round project. The coins are mailed in May, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club's donation.

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Gay Konnagan** for the pouch full of replica Spanish coins.

Let ALL your beepers be keepers!

CONVERT TRASH INTO CA\$H

We collect unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges so they can be recycled. Donate yours to the GCTC and we will convert them into cash (to go back into the club) while protecting the environment. All brands of printer cartridges (except Epson) and all cell phones (no phone accessories) can be recycled. It's easy to help our club and our community! For more information, call **Stacey** (561-687-2310).

ALSO WANTED: EYEGLASSES

Club members are also encouraged to bring in **prescription** glasses and sunglasses, which will be donated to underprivileged people suffering from vision problems. **Stacey** collects these during our monthly meetings so the club can donate them to the South Florida Lion's Club. Please bring any unwanted eyeglasses to the next meeting and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. **Thank you!**

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Dorothy Mills,** and **Tom Lieberman.** Calls are always welcome!

DIRECTORY

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.

NEW MEMBERS:

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RENEWAL:

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REVISIONS:

Bob Dobski 1015A South Drive Delray Beach, FL 33445

Barbro Rosenberg (Not Barbara)

TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

NO MORE WIRES!

Wireless headphones are now available from Radio Shack. They have been given a good seal of approval by a few detectorists so far. They are 2.4GHz Wireless Stereo Headphones Model: T#793; Catalog #: 33-1253 at only \$59.95. Plus you may need a plug adapter to fit your detector.

You can view them online:

www.radioshack.com

Features

- * Built-in antenna for both the dongle and the headset for the best reception possible
 - * Wireless design means no cumbersome cords to untangle
 - * No driver or software needed for plug and play design
- * Operating distance of up to 30 feet so you can move around freely while you listen to your music
- * Frequency hopping to avoid unwanted interference

TRIVIA FROM ERNIE BOUYOUCAS

So you think Dr. Gerhard Fisher invented the first metal detector? Think again.

On July 2, 1881, President James Garfield was ready to board a train to New Jersey when he was shot twice by Charles Guiteau. Guiteau was irate over being denied an appointment as ambassador to France. Doctors found one bullet in the President's arm, but could not find the other one. Probing the wound with their fingers (not sterilized by the way), the doctors became frustrated when they couldn't find the second bullet.

The doctors enlisted the aid of Alexander Graham Bell. Bell quickly made a crude metal detector he called the Induction Balance. Bell announced to the doctors that the bullet lay deep in Garfield's body. Doctors cut deep into the wound but never found the bullet. What Bell had detected was the mattress spring in the bed.

Garfield's wound became severely infected and this, coupled with blood poisoning from the bullet contributed to a fatal heart attack on September 19th. During the autopsy, doctors located the bullet and determined that had the wound been left alone, Garfield would have recovered.



INTERNET SITES

www.magicseaweed.com

From Jason Petenbrink – good website that gives wave actions and other good information, plus a pulldown chart on the left allows you to check out the Palm Beach surf report.

www.metaldetectivesusa.com

It is a free web directory service for metal detector enthusiasts who want to get the word out in their local community that they are available and at the public's service! If you want to be listed in the Metal Detectives USA Directory send an email or PM here and they will get you set up!

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OREGON-IT COULD HAPPEN IN FLORIDA!

Senate Bill 64: In summary... it would stop all Artifact Collecting, metal detecting and relic hunting in the Oregon State, not just on public land but on private land. It makes it illegal for even a landowner to pick up artifacts on his own property. Anything of cultural patrimony cannot be removed without a permit. To get the permit requires a Masters Degree in Archaeology or a related field. Even with the permit everything has to go either to the appropriate Indian tribe or to the State Anthropological Museum. There's much more.... But suffice to say it would be the death knell for collecting in Oregon and a bitter blow to private museums that rely on these folks to give them artifacts. It would also put an extremely heavy load on the State Historic Preservation Office which is already shorthanded. Submitted by Mike Wallace on WWATS.Org

Senate Bill 64 may be viewed at: www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0001.dir/sb0064.a.html

TREASURE FORUMS

Check out these two forums for South Florida happenings, especially at South Beach. Members of our club and the South Florida Treasure Hunters Club post comments and pictures on a daily basis.

www.thetreasuredepot.com

www.findmall.com

IN MEMORY OF TED RUDD - FOUNDER OF GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB

ROOSEVELT "TED" RUDD, Jr., 82, of Fanning Springs, Florida died in Naples, Florida on March 25, 2007. He was born in Deerfield Beach on February 2, 1925 and grew up in Palm Beach County. At age 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and worked as a corpsman on the hospital ship, Repose, in the Philippines and China. He married his wife, Lela, in 1948. Ted was recalled to service during the Korean Conflict and served at the hospital in the Key West Naval Station. After the war, he worked in construction. He loved outdoor sports, founded the Gold Coast Treasure Club (metal detecting) and in retirement, loved flea markets and yard sales. Ted will be dearly missed by his loving family including his devoted wife of 59 years, Lela; son, Tim (Carol) Rudd of Naples; sister, Myrtle Lee Dennis; brother, Robert "Buddy" Rudd; grandsons, Timothy and Adam; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105. *Published in The Palm Beach Post on 3/27/2007*.

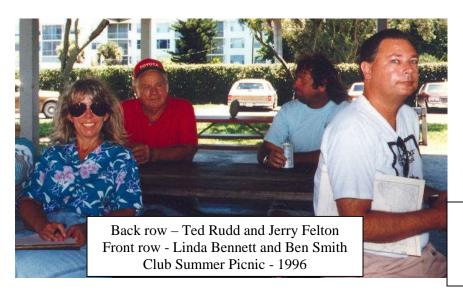
Memorial services will be held in Chiefland, Florida on April 21, at the home of Lela Rudd.



Ted Rudd and Linda Bennett Club Summer Picnic - 1996



Bev and Jim Warnke and Ted Rudd Club Holiday Party December 1993

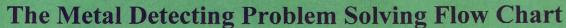


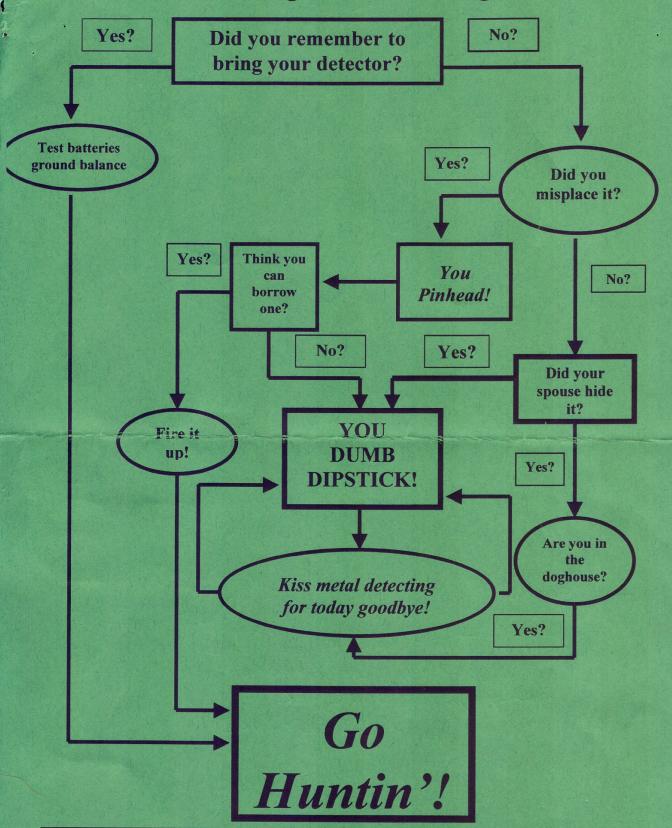
Ted Rudd assisting PBSO in looking for gun that killed Sgt. James "Rocky" Hunt.
March 1993.

Picture from Sun-Sentinel Newspaper

In 1973, Ted Rudd founded the Gold Coast Treasure Club as an organization dedicated to the future of treasure hunting and metal detecting and the preservation of all historical artifacts, sites and relics. He held the office of President numerous times. By the time he moved to Levy County in the mid 1990's, his club had become a well established active and growing club with a membership of 55 families. With the solid foundation that Ted established, the club continues to grow every year.

The Gold Coast Treasure Club extends sympathy to Ted's wife Lela and his surviving family. Ted's name will always be honored as the founding father on the club website and in all newsletters. An annual memorial hunt and picnic will also be held to keep his memory alive for future members.





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The Tinfoil Times



Tinfoil Times by Email
If any club member would like to receive
their newsletter by email and save the
club money, please email Linda.
The newsletter is always posted on the
website before it is mailed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12: Club Meeting
April 15: Club Hunt at Juno Beach
April 27-29: Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach