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Gold Coast Treasure Club, Inc.

Our code of ethics: Have permission and do no harm

Our next regular club meeting will be
7:00 PM, January 11, 2018
South Florida Science Center
Garden Club Building
4800 Dreher Trail North
West Palm Beach, FL 33405



December News

Holiday Party!

2017 Holiday Party

Join us on December 14th at 6:30 pm for our annual Holiday Party. It will be held in our regular meeting place at the South Florida Science Center Garden Club. We will have great food, a 50/50 raffle, a holiday trivia game, and lots of prizes, including Flannigan's certificates, magazine subscriptions, hunting gear, and more!

If any children under 10 will be attending, please let Jan know at 561-376-6211. There will be some special things for them.

Guests are welcome, but please be aware there will be a \$10 charge for any guest from outside your household.

We will start setting up for the party at 5:30. Please come early to help, if you can.

December Birthdays

Vern Blausey (12/09)

Joe Quinones (12/2)

Laura Reilly (12/23)

If you have moved, or changed your contact info, please let Jan Smirnow know, so we can keep in touch with you.

The 2018 annual membership dues should be paid by January. The amount is \$35. If you wish to join the FMDAC (Federation of Metal Detector & Archeological Clubs) which is voluntary, the price is \$5. You can pay at the holiday party. Exact change is appreciated.

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Dues are \$35 per year. New members pay an initiation fee of \$5, plus:

\$35 if joining between Jan 1st through the end of June, or \$17.50 if joining between July 1 and December 31. \$5 extra for FMDAC membership.



November Speaker Paul Hamlin

Paul Hamlin was our featured speaker in November. Paul has been an active member of the Gold Coast Treasure Club for many years, and competes regularly in our monthly Best Finds contests. He shared some of his techniques for finding gold in the water, and how important it is to know your machine. He demonstrated a test strip he made by sandwiching various metal objects between two layers of packing tape. He uses this to practice listening to the tones produced by his detector when he passes it over the objects. He also demonstrated some of his tools of the trade, and how he carries them when he's in the water. He learned a lot from other members over the years, and said, "If any member needs assistance, just tell them to call me."

Thank you Paul for sharing some of your knowledge with us!

Diamond Ring Rescued

Received a call Sunday afternoon in regards to a lost diamond ring in a yard with an inquiry if we could be there quickly. My response was "that we would drop everything and rush over" which Laurie and I did. Upon arrival the man directed us to where he thought it was. Surprise. It was in that area. Laurie tried using her detector. It was reacting to so many false targets that she correctly chose to use the Garrett pro pointer. In less than 10 minutes from start to finish Laurie found the multiple diamond ring. The husband and wife along with the in-laws were ecstatic. I never had a chance to turn my detector on. The husband told us he had purchased an inexpensive detector. After 4 hours of fruitless searching he called us. The joy of seeing their happiness is very rewarding and helps promote our hobby in a very positive and memorable experience.

Submitted by Frank Nash, President



Treasure Hunter of the Year 2017

Thanks to everyone who participated in the monthly Best Finds. The votes have been tallied, and the Treasure Hunter of the year will be crowned at the January, 2018 meeting.

Helping Others

Please remember to bring in any Hot Wheels / Matchbox cars and trucks you might find. Member Jennifer Cioci collects them for the organization called Pwojè Mike. Pwojè Mike collects toys, food, and clothing, and delivers it to Haitian orphans.

More information about the organization, as well as how you can donate monetarily, can be found here: www.pwojemike.org.



FOR SALE: Slightly Used Makro Racer Metal Detector. Has four pre-set detecting modes, Includes User Manual and additional manual "Mastering the Makro Racer". Lightweight! Bought new \$650; now new \$499; my asking only \$350! Call Cheryl 561-697-5073.

November 2017 Minutes

With 34 members and guests in attendance President Nash started our November meeting. He greeted all veterans in attendance, the membership applauded for their service to our country. Vern Blausey mentioned a few restaurants that cater to the vets.

Vice President, Sue Chonoles presented a Tip from the internet – Do's and Don'ts of metal detecting! Or how to ask someone for permission to hunt their private property.

Laurie Haire, Treasurer reported plus \$2k in our treasury.

Laurie further reported for the Nominating Committee for 2018 Officers of the Board of Directors of the Club. She indicated that an attempt to contact all members was made by phone, several numbers were incorrect and that she had left several messages. There were no volunteers for the Board offices. A call for nominations from the floor was made – none were made and the present Board of Officers were reinstalled by popular vote.

A video from the news media depicted metal detectors at the scene of the recent church shootings in Texas. Our President noticed how inept the people were and called the local police department to volunteer our services. He further mentioned that our Guru of metal detecting, Tom Dankowski, is giving a 6 hour seminar in Tampa, Florida this weekend. Tom has graciously agreed to visit us again in February.

Fellow member Paul Hamlin presented a discussion on just about everything a water hunter would need to know! Paul started metal detecting in the 1970's on football fields and just about any place where people gather. He stated he "joined the club to meet others who were doing the hobby and to learn!". He asked a few questions of the members, such as, "Where would you hunt?" Jason Pentenbrink replied "Where the Gold is!". Paul admitted that he knew zero about how to hunt in the water in the beginning. To solve this dilemma whenever he was lucky enough to see Jason on the beach he would follow him watching what he did for two or three years. Jason gave him one of the best hints "to become good go to the side of the beach where the waves are washing away the sand, there you will find gold!". Paul further stressed in order to be successful "you have to know your machine" and admitted that in the beginning with his Excal he actually asked Nikolay Malchev what was wrong with his machine! Nikolay was a big help! He shared the way he hunts, how he handles his equipment for hunting five (5) hours and advised the members to make a test strip with the type of items that they wish to find, i.e. nickels, pennies, quarters, silver and gold to learn what sounds are indicated by your detector and learn the sounds. The information he gave the membership was generously shared and very informative. In a conversation after the program Paul said, "if any member needs assistance just tell them to call me!"

I would highly recommend that you do that if you have questions or problems with your machines.

President Nash mentioned the November 4th hunt, a full moon, plenty to find and wonderful homemade pulled pork sandwiches and goodies provided and prepared by Laurie, our treasurer and himself!

HIDDEN CAPSULE HINT – President Nash has hidden the capsule, it is loaded with pull tabs! This edition of the Tinfoil Times has the hint – look for it and find the capsule – a cash prize to the finder!

Four guests were in attendance, they were John and Bill Lane, Tim Thomas and John Burke. And we are pleased to welcome Bill Lane and John Burke as new members!

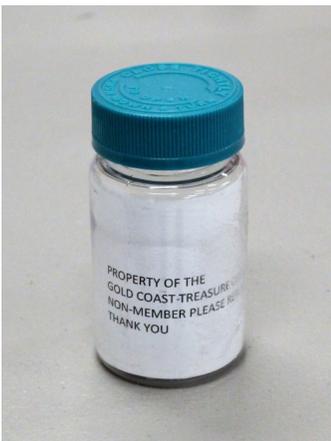
Best Finds Table – no one had the Mystery Item. The Mystery Item is provided by a fellow member volunteer each month. To participate and win a prize one must bring in their finds (junk especially) and place it on the Best Finds Table with your name. When the Mystery Prize is revealed if you have that item in your junk you win!

JANUARY'S VOLUNTEER for bringing in the Mystery Item is JIM PERKINS!

New Member John Burke won the 50/50 raffle a grand total of \$67.50!

Our meeting was adjointed with a SEE YOU AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 14th 6:30 p.m. same place we are now holding our meetings!

Respectfully submitted, Jan Smirnow, Secretary



Find This Capsule, Win a Prize!

Somewhere in a local park, this capsule has been hidden. Each month, a clue will be given as to its whereabouts. Our mission is to find it. The hunt will continue until the capsule is found.

Whoever finds the capsule will be rewarded.

The latest hint is:

Besides seeing ducks, you might have to join the flock... by ducking a stray golf ball.

November 2017 Best Finds Winners

Best Gold



No Entries

Best Gold with Stone



No Entries

Best Silver



Sterling Silver Ring

Paul Hamlin

Best Costume



Tungsten Ring

Jason Petenbrink

Most Unusual



Two-Headed Nickle

Tripp Cioci

Best Coin (tie)



1825 Canadian 1/2 Penney

Ivan Cardoso Mata



Large Foreign Coin

James Perkins



GCTC November 2017 Winners

Congratulations to the November winners!

James Perkins

Ivan Cardoso Mata

Paul Hamlin

Jason Petenbrink

Tripp Cioci



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Upcoming events:

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