



# Suncoast Treasured Times

Suncoast Research & Recovery Club Newsletter

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## Tom's Tips

From last month till now we have seen a drastic change in the temperature. We had the heat on then and the AC on now.



It is only a matter of time till the water warms up to a comfortable temperature to go in without a wetsuit. March is coming soon and it is a big month for SRARC. We will be doing a relic hunt at Ft De Soto on March 10, Picnic and Fun Hunt on March 17 and Tom Killian will be doing a training seminar on March 31 at Crisp Park. See **Coming Events** for more details.

You don't want to miss this month's meeting, we will be having Doug Jackson from Bill Jackson's covering two topics. He will be showing the new Mine Lab Equinox detectors and I have asked him to tell the story of how Bill Jackson's started and become what and where they are today.

**Special Note:** The board voted to change the raffle ticket price to \$1.00 per ticket and 6 for \$5.00

## Meeting

**Date:** February 26, 2018

**Place:** Bill Jackson's  
Outdoor Adventure  
9501 US 19 N  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Program:** Doug Jackson  
The Story of Bill Jackson's  
"Don't Miss This"

**New  
Club Mailing Address:  
SRARC  
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## Elected Officers and Board

President: Tom Jones	415-7968
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Secretary: Debi Schneider	
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Ambassador: Jay Ganz	(941) 423-0351

## Meeting Minutes

Jan 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Elections for Officers and board members was held.

### The Officers are:

President: Tom Jones  
Vice President: Jerry Schneider  
Treasurer: Tom Killian  
Secretary: Debbi Schneider

### Board Members are:

Howard Metts  
Dimitur Alapiev  
Pete Hatzillas  
Mike Schuler  
Joe Borg

Carl Fismer gave a great presentation on his life of treasure hunting and brought some artifacts he had found to display.

Break was taken at 8:00

Meeting was called back to order at 8:15pm

The treasurer's report was given by Tom Killian. Winners of the competition table were announced. The raffle was held. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

## Birthdays



### Birthday Ambassador Dimitur Alapeiv

Eddie Garcia	Victor Lewandonski
Marilyn Earhart	Renee Sosslau

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

February 2, 2018

The board voted to change the monthly meeting raffle tickets from \$.50 each to \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

October 27, 2018 will be the fall Ft De Soto Picnic and Fun Hunt.

The annual Silver Tuesday Banquet will be on November 27, 2018

## **Coming Events**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> Ft De Soto Relic Hunt.**

Meet at the entrance to the boat ramp at **8:00 am** and go in as volunteers. Hunt will go till 12:00 noon or so.

**March 17, 2018**

**Ft De Soto Picnic and Fun Hunt**

Pavilion # 9 North Beach

Lunch is at 12:00 noon and the hunt will start at 1:00 pm

The cost to hunt is \$10.00 per member. The club will provide the meat, bread, plates, knives, forks and napkins.

Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks.

Sign up and pay your hunt fee at the February meeting in order to hunt.

**March 31, 2018**

Treasure Hunting Basic Training - 8am to 10:30am. Crisp Park (under pavilion) 37th Avenue NE and Poplar Street NE; Saint Petersburg, FL.

**Note:** If you have not paid your dues for 2018 this will be your last newsletter that you receive. If you are not sure check with Tom Killian.

## **Lost and Found**

<https://theringfinders.com/blog/Suncast.Research.Recovery.Club>



**Club Coin Clues were posted on the Website**

## Items of Interest

### SS Central America Treasure



SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — More than \$50 million worth of gold bars, coins and dust that's been described as the greatest lost treasure in U.S. history is about to make its public debut in California after sitting at the bottom of the ocean for more than 150 years.

The 3,100 gold coins, 45 gold bars and more than 80 pounds (36 kilograms) of gold dust recovered from the wreckage of the S.S. Central America steamship are now sitting in a makeshift laboratory just south of Los Angeles.

Bob Evans, the chief scientist on the original voyage that discovered the shipwreck and its treasure in 1988, is now painstakingly cleaning each piece of gold by hand, soaking it in a solution and brushing off rust and grime that

accumulated as the treasure sat 7,000 feet (2,134 meters) below sea level.

"This is a whole new season of discovery," Evans told The Associated Press this week from the laboratory in Santa Ana. "We are now peering beneath the grime and the rust that is on the coins, removing those objects and those substances and getting to look at the treasure as it was in 1857."

The Central America was laden with booty from the California Gold Rush when it sank in a hurricane off the coast of South Carolina in 1857. Four hundred and twenty-five people drowned and thousands of pounds of California gold were lost, contributing to an economic panic.

Using sable paintbrushes and a cleaning solution, Evans has been restoring the gold — some of which is completely caked over in black gunk — to its original luster for the past two weeks. He will continue that work through February, when the treasure will go on public display at the Long Beach Convention Center, just south of Los Angeles.

The gold is all for sale. Just one tiny coin alone could go for \$1 million because of its combination of rarity

and the history behind it, said Dwight Manley, managing partner of the California Gold Marketing Group, which is displaying and selling the gold.

"This is something that in hundreds of years people will still be talking about, reading about, looking back on and collecting things from," Manley said. "There's no other ships that sank that haven't been recovered that rival this or are similar to this, so it's really a once-in-a-lifetime situation."



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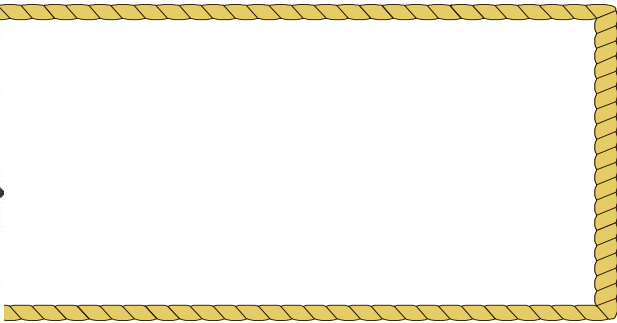
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## Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

- I WILL** respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the permission of the property owner.
- I WILL** appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.
- I WILL** fill all my excavations, remove and properly dispose of all trash that I find.
- I WILL** use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times, leaving gates as I found them.
- I WILL** assist law enforcement and other government agencies or private citizens as needed.
- I WILL NOT** litter.
- I WILL NOT** destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT** tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.