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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM APRIL 10
AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE MUSEUM ANNEX
(THE OLD GARDEN CLUB) IN DREHER PARK
IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

OUR CODE OF ETHICS: HAVE PERMISSION AND DO NO HARM

NEW MEETING PLACE!!

We officially have our old meeting place back on a permanent basis. We will be able to keep a cabinet in the storage area for our equipment and books. Thanks Gail for the sound system. Now we need the American Flag.

APRIL MEETING

GCTC will once again welcome our friend, technical genius, author, instructor/lecturer and treasure hunting expert **Tom Dankowski** to speak to our club.

Come experience Tom's presentation on beach hunting tips and secrets. Tom has made DVDs on the subjects of Inland Coin Hunting, Relic Hunting and Beach Hunting. Those who have viewed Tom's DVDs or seen him speak know that he is a fountain of knowledge and an enthusiastic teacher. Hopefully he will have his DVDs on hand for those of you who are interested in purchasing one for your library. He also now offers personal one on one training with your metal detector.

Check out his site for more information:

www.dankowskidetectors.com/

NOTE: There will be **NO pre-meeting dinner get together at the usual Tom Sawyer Restaurant** as we will be instead be meeting with **Tom Dankowski** prior to the club meeting at **Sweet Tomatoes** in West Palm Beach. All members are welcome to join us for dinner (at your own expense, of course) at 5:15 p.m. If you are planning on coming, please call **Frank Nash** at (787) 269-5744 or email him at [flnaa727@bellsouth](mailto:flnaa727@bellsouth.com) so he can confirm the number of seats.

Sweet Tomatoes

**1900 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
561-640-5720**



TURTLE NESTING SEASON

March through October is turtle season and therefore no lights on beach after dark. This includes your headlights or any other light used for metal detecting during the night.



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Dues are \$35 a year.

New members pay an initiation fee of \$5, plus: \$35 if joining between Jan. 1st and the end of June, or \$17.50 if joining between July 1 and Dec. 31. \$5 extra for FMDAC membership.

**MARCH MONTHLY
BEST FIND WINNERS**



**Vern Blausey, Stanley Zmyslo, Ashley Wedde,
Gary McNew, Ed Morin**

**Best Gold with Stones
Stanley Zmyslo**



10K Ring with Stones

**Best Gold
Vern Blausey**



Gold Necklace

**Best Silver
Ed Morin**



Ring with Stones

**Most Unusual
Ashley Wedde**



Math Medal

**Best Costume
Gary McNew**



Owl Headphone Plug

**Best Coin
Ashley Wedde**



1910 Barber Dime

Second Place

Best Gold Stone(s) - 10K Ring/Diamonds - Steve Hamedl

Best Gold - Gold ? - Stanley Smyslo

Best Silver- Japanese Religious Pendant - Devin Stehr

Most Unusual- Coin on Screw - Steve Hamedl

Best Costume- Angel Pendant - Ashley Wedde

Best Coin - 1941 East Africa Coin - Steve 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.

**Return Recognized at March Meeting
REPEAT AMBASSADOR**



**Frank Nash, Gary McNew,
Tom Lieberman and Ed Morin**

Frank Nash

Returned Gold Diamond and Tanzanian ring



Gary McNew

Returned Gold Ring



**Tom Lieberman
Returned Diamond Ring**

**Ed Morin
Returned Two Cell Phones**



T-SHIRTS



Club t-shirts have arrived and are ready for pickup. \$10 for small-XL and \$12 for XXL.

The blue is a lighter blue than our current shirt - called Carolina Blue. The embroidery of the club patch is very well done.



CLUB WEBSITES

Be sure to check out the two club websites that John Lobota manages. He welcomes club members to share stories, local history, videos, photos and other knowledge to impart.

<http://www.treasurechests.net>

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



ONGOING CLUB PROJECTS

Our club collects eye glasses, foreign coins, miscellaneous items of costume jewelry/tokens/metal toys, pull tabs, and empty ink cartridges. Give Jan Smirnow or Linda Bennett your donations.



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**).

For questions or explanations, come early to a meeting and speak with Linda.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Fifty-nine guests and members attended the March meeting. Michelle Renne, 2nd Vice President, of the Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beaches, Inc. gave a very comprehensive talk on the wonderful places to hunt fossils, metal detecting; a wealth of information on the society for our March meeting. The society has close to 200 members. They have a workshop with specialized equipment for the use of all members, and offer numerous classes at cost only on various subjects, such as fusing glass, jewelry making and repairing, cutting and polishing equipment for stones, etc. The membership fee for a family is \$25 a year, for single membership it is \$15. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Garden Club in Dreher Park.

Our Treasurer, Ed D'Amato, reported \$1475.24 in the Bank. There were 13 Birthdays in March, however; only five members collected their Birthday Dollars.

Frank Nash, President, reported that the Japanese Promotional Filming went very well and that we should receive a copy of the film shortly.

Frank will receive one point in the membership/guest contest for bringing Dan Amicarelli and Steve Hamedl will receive one point for inviting Rick Wintz of Jupiter, Florida. Yes, the Board of Directors has decided to run the contest for this year. The contest: Bring a guest to our meetings, get one point. If the guest joins, you receive two points. All points will be tallied at the end of the year and the member with the most points **wins a choice of a SILVER DOLLAR or a CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2015**. Questions regarding this contest can be directed to any Board Member or Jan Smirnow, Secretary.

Mindy Spiroch and Linda Bennett coordinated the ordering, purchasing and selling of our new club t-shirts. Forty-eight shirts were ordered initially, only five XL are left and they are taking orders for other sizes. **WELL DONE MINDY AND LINDA!!!**

Guest Chris Norris attended his second meeting this past month. Chris has Bee Hives and bought in a sample of his wonderful honey combination. **Absolutely delicious**, unfortunately he did not make the connection with Gail Hoskins, Refreshment Committee, so in the beginning no one knew what it was! Lucky me, I asked and received the remainder, HMMM YUMMY! He does not sell the mixture, but perhaps he will bring some in again. **PLEASE EVERYONE** if you would like to bring in a special treat for the membership meeting, please either advise Gail at 561-967-2923 before the meeting night or bring in whatever would be needed to consume your treat. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and, of course, gratefully consumed!!

Linda Bennett, Hunt Master, thanked Mindy Spiroch for her efforts in the T-Shirt project and for her assistance in the Tall Tales program for the evening. Help is always appreciated!

Jim Smith stumped the members participating the Mystery Item with a pressed penny! **Gary Spiroch will provide APRIL'S Mystery Item!** Gary just retired and donated "Brothers" Travel and regular cups for the club's use. You can expect to see them as Door Prizes! Thank you Gary! All Door Prizes in the past have been donated by the membership, Reilly's Treasured Gold, Kellyco Metal Detectors, White's Metal Detectors, Garrett Metal Detectors, Minelab Metal Detectors and Seashore Gifts of Lantana. **The Board of Directors extends THANKS for your donations!** *Respectively Submitted, Jan Smirnow*



MEMBER FOR SALE ADS

Whites Pinpointer II new \$100

Ruger Stainless Mark II 22 cal , 4" Bull Barrel, like new - \$400

Ruger Stainless Mark II 22 cal. 5 1/2" Slag side barrel competition target model w/ red dot scope \$600

(I bought both guns new and to be truthful, I'm not sure they have been fired)

CZ3D modified by Tom Dankowski for sale. It is like new. Purchased for \$1200+ Want \$700.

2 Alum. water scoops. never used \$50 each

Email or call me with any questions..

Jerry Laur 561-951-1015 jerrylaur@mac.com

Like new Miami Sun Drifter bike/7 speed/pink color
Paid \$300; asking \$200/Call Cheryl Petenbrink 697-5073.

Irving Smith won a **Garrett AT Pro metal detector** at the TCAS competition hunt. Brand new and in the box. It retails for \$695. He has it up for sale at \$550. Call: 561-848-5852 or 207-594-4039

Wanted: Gary McNew is looking for a Fisher CZ20 (not the 21). 561-718-5523



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April

Karen Larson (4/1)

Phil Marro (4/11)

Alex Piper (4/22)



CLUB RAFFLE

Next club raffle will be a 1 Troy oz silver round and two tickets for the Science Museum - \$1/ticket. Winner takes all.



MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Bring a guest and earn a point. The member with the most points at the end of the year wins a paid membership for 2015



GEM AND MINERAL CLUB MEETING REPORT

On Thursday, March 20th Frank Nash, Ed D'Amato, Ed Mitchell, Paul Hamlin and myself attended and presented a talk to the Gem and Mineral Society of West Palm Beach. The talk, i.e. presentation, "Metal Detecting in Florida Gold Coast Treasure Hunters Club members will tell us about their adventures while using their metal detectors in Florida and will show us some of the amazing items they find! There are more than rocks and fossils here to find!" I chaired the presentation. Ed Mitchell talked about pieces of eight, showed his replicas, and his rock hunting and mineral collecting. I gave information on our club's history, rules of the club, state and federal regarding detecting, and presented various pieces of equipment in common use for metal detecting. Frank Nash talked about his finds, and the various places he has been regarding metal detecting and his collection of minerals.

Our President, Frank Nash, has a degree in Geology, so he really could relate to their hobby! He bought in a box of various stones he has collected through the years. Their members were extremely interested in several of the stones; and our finds display! Various advertisements for metal detectors, accessories and a discount ad for the use of the Gem and Mineral Society members from Reilly's Treasured Gold were made available; as well as an information sheet with various websites pertaining to hobby.

Lots of questions were answered; Paul Hamlin helped one lady with her Bounty Hunter for quite some time. All in all it was an enjoyable evening, Frank and I both acquired membership. And **A Big Thanks to Ed Mitchell, Paul Hamlin, Ed D'Amato and Frank Nash for helping me with this presentation!**

Their website is www.gemandmineral.cc; check it out!

Respectively Submitted Jan Smirnow



FROM DICK STOUT

<http://www.stoutstandards.com/>

Sit down and go through your past finds and look for "semi-key" dates. In particular, pennies, dimes and quarters. Be sure to check the early wheat cents and Mercury dimes w/mint marks, as well as the Barber & Seated.

A few links to help...

Coinstudy.com

Coin Resource

http://www.coinresource.com/guide/PCGS_prices.htm

Numismatic Guaranty Corporation

<http://www.ngccoin.com/poplookup/us-coin-price-guide.aspx>

Jim Warnke Memorial Hunt/Picnic

23 hunters and 1 spectator gathered for a hunt and picnic at Ocean Cay Park in Juno Beach on March 15.

1404 American coins were planted ranging from silver dimes, v nickels, buffalo nickels, Indian head pennies and wheaties to clad dollars, half dollars, and quarters.

Top Hunters:

Irving Smith 150 coins

Gary Spiroch 128 coins

Gary McNew 105 coins

Jim Smith 100 coins



Photographers Steve Hoskins and Jan Smirnow.

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Four members traveled to Blacksburg, SC for a competition hunt on March 29 and 30. Called Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas – there were 4 hunts on Saturday and 2 hunts on Sunday. The majority of items were silver coins or tokens worth prizes ranging from gold and silver coins to specialty advertising items (i.e. hats, pouches, etc.).

. Cold, rainy and muddy (red clay mud) described the two day hunt. We still had a great time. Jerry and Betty Laur, Linda Bennett and Karen Larson made the trek by car. Mitch King from TCAS was smart and flew to the event.

Jerry Laur – Silver Dollar in raffle

Karen Larson – T-Shirt (entry prize)

Linda Bennett – Silver Half Dollar, pouch for tokens

Betty Laur – Digger Magazine and 4 uncirculated

Eisenhower Bicentennial Half Dollars for tokens



Linda, Karen, Jerry and Karen



Betty, Linda, Mitch and Jerry



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: April 10 at 7:30 PM

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Also check out:

<http://www.treasurechests.net/>