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**Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs**

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**Coin Buying for Club: John Duffy**

*September Meeting Minutes*

**Presidents Report: Barbara Anderton**

The meeting opens with the pledge of allegiance. Barbara calls meeting to order happy that the summer heat was easing up and announcing we have a guest speaker, past president of the club, Ron Swenson.

**Vice President's/Web Site Report: Bob Meneely**

**Bob** mentions that we have a Winchester knife set to auction as well as more prizes left over from the annual hunt.

**Secretary's/Newsletter Report: Steve Timmons**

No report.

**Treasurer's Report: Al Woltman**

**Al** updated the club on its finances and also reported upcoming events including the Foresthill Gold Panning event and the Rye Patch Hunt in Nevada. October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> is the Sac Valley Coin Club show. Throughout September they have hidden 12 keys around the city and given clues to their location. One of the keys opens a treasure chest worth \$1,000. Al also talked about a book on Flying Eagle and Indian Head Pennies he had bought. Between 1859 and 1909 there were nearly 2 billion Indian Head Pennies minted so there must still be a few out there to find.

**Membership Report: George Magann**

**George** reported membership was steady.

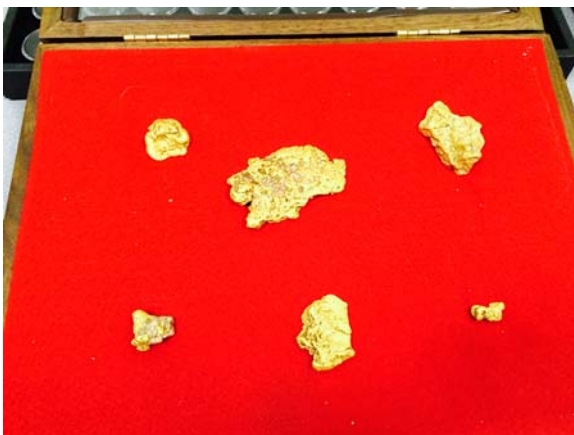
**Recovery Report: Tom Boyd**

No report.

**Coin Buying Report: John Duffy**

No report.

*Ron Swenson talks to the Club and Shows off some Gold he's found*



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**Calendar Legend:**    SVDB Monthly Meetings      
                                  Saturday/Sunday Day-in-the-Park Hunts      
                                  Mini Club Planted Hunt   

**Hunt Master Report: [Chai Vang](#)**

**Chai reports** a change in venue for the mini-hunt coming on September 20<sup>th</sup> to Natomas Park. The hunt turned out to be a huge success with everyone having a great time. The hunt area was large enough to accommodate the number of hunters and the grass was high enough to make it challenging. Chai provided pastries, fruit and juice for all. See pictures at the end of the newsletter.

**Library Report: [Tom Schweppe](#)**

**Tom reported** he had received some DVD's as donations. He will be gone from the October meeting cruising in Panama.

Dave and Emily Johnson were new to the club and are looking for a detector.

**[New Business:](#)**

Barbara reported on the Sonora hunt. One event had the hunters in their own 10' x 10' square trying to find a token. Once the token is found the hunter can move on to the open hunt area. Dan Cordes, George Miskovsky, Lee Wiese, and Barb Anderton attended and represented well winning a couple of detectors, some gold, a pro pointer and a bag of silver. Barbara brought in some cards she had been given by Public Lands for the People for handling disputes with authorities over detecting on public lands. The cards give a process to follow if you

want to protest. We ran out of cards, so I have attached a copy of the card to the newsletter if any members want it.

Mike McCartney won the membership drawing.

Ron Swenson gave a talk on what he's been hunting. He hadn't been back to an SVDB meeting in about a year and said he had started filming himself and friends working gold claims so his family could see what he was up to and then started putting the videos on youtube for all to see. He has focused his hunting on relic sites such as old hotel sites and stage stops. He has been finding a number of seated dimes, half dimes, a 1790 Real, buttons and buckles. His friend found a silver thimble with the family name in it. He said he loves finding the relics and thinking that a real person was wearing this buckle over a century ago. In addition to the relics, he and friends have been finding gold nuggets. He brought a number in for the club to see. The largest was 3.7 oz. found by his friend (see pictures at end and on front page). He said he starts his hunting with a CTX3030 with an 11" coil, switches to a 6" coil, goes back over the area with a GPX5000, and finishes with the Deus XP. You can find his videos at youtube.com by querying California Relic Adventures or Ron Swenson. It was an informative talk and a pleasure to have Ron at the meeting.

John Duffy auctioned of a grab bag of books on treasure hunting for \$45. The Winchester Knife set went for \$30. Thanks to those who donated the items.

### **Show & Tell:**

Scott Newens won the Find of the Month.

The winners of the Day-in-the-Park hunts:

Ken & Scott– 1963 Penny

James – newest nickel

Scott – 1961 Penny

Ken – 1962 Penny

The raffle brought in \$927.

### **Day-In-The-Park Hunt:**

**There** are 4 day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first, second and third Sundays and the fourth Saturday. **Starting in October Breakfast is at 8:00 am with departure to the hunt site at 9:00 am.**

The hunt ends at 12 noon. The meeting places for the hunts:

- ❑ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's Watt and Auburn
- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Sunrise and Zinfandel Dr. (2474 Sunrise Blvd)
- ❑ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Waffle Square 1825 10<sup>th</sup> St, Sac
- ❑ 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Hunt: Meet at Denny's Watt and Auburn

### **SVDB Meeting Time and Location Information:**

SVDB Meetings are held at **7:00 pm** the **first Thursday of each month** at the Sacramento County Sewer District's Building in North Highlands, located at the intersection of Elkhorn Blvd. and Don Julio Blvd. Our meeting room is held in a large room facing Elkhorn, close to where all the cars are parked in the SMUD parking lot near Elkhorn Blvd.

### **Club Mini Hunt**



Chai – the hunt master







Waiting for the "Go" signal



Ron Swenson



Outstanding in their field



Some smaller gold finds



Some of Ron's relics







Looking for tokens after the hunt

## Common Metal Marks Stamped Inside Rings

MARK	MEANS
9k	9 Karat Gold usually sold in the UK (Not in the USA)
10k	10 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
12k	12 Karat Gold (Found more out of the States)
14k	14 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
18k	18 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
20k	20 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
22k	22 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
24k	24 Karat Pure Gold (Yellow Gold)
.417	10 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
.585	14 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
.750	18 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
.833	20 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
.999	24 Karat Pure Gold (Yellow Gold)
P	Plumb Gold (must be the Karat weight stamped or higher)
PLAT	Platinum
PT	Platinum
900 or 950	Platinum
S.S.	Stainless Steel
Steel	Stainless Steel
St. Steel	Stainless Steel
Silver	Sterling Silver
S. Silver	Sterling Silver
Sterling Silver	Sterling Silver
925	Sterling Silver
.950	Another Sterling Silver Mark unlike 950 for Platinum
Titanium	Titanium
Tungsten	Tungsten
Pd	Palladium
KP	Karat Plumb
CZ	There is a Cubic Zirconia stone in the ring (and not a Diamond)
G.F. or G.P.	Gold Filled or Gold Plated
SOL	Solitaire Diamond (usually followed by some Carat Weight)
6,7,8,9,10	(A number) Some Jewelers put the ring size in the shank
cw	CW means the Carat Weight of the Diamonds or Gems in the ring
GE	Gold Electroplate
GP	Gold Plated
WGD	Weight Gold, as in 14 Karat Weight Gold, or 10 Karat Weight Gold



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Badge # \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

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PM

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### **Suggested Challenge Procedure**

If you are challenged by law enforcement or a representative of a governmental agency and advised that your work, recreation or sport is an unlawful activity, **do all of the following:**

1. Comply with the agent's instructions and politely ask what is the name and number of the law, municipal code or regulation that you are allegedly violating.
2. Note on this card the date, time, name(s), badge number(s), agency title(s), agency name, the district that the agents represent and the laws or regulations allegedly violated.
3. PLP documents both positive and negative contacts by law enforcement and agency representatives. PLP follows-up on contacts with the appropriate agency to reinforce positive professional contacts and to dissuade future negative and unprofessional contacts.
4. Forward the information on your contact to your local PLP office or PLP representative. PLP will advise you of the appropriate procedure to follow relative to your contact.

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