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Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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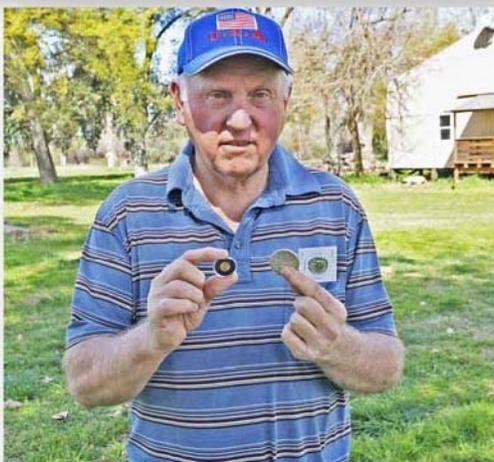
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March Mini Hunt Winner
Jim Hallett



March Meeting Minutes

Presidents Report: Barbara Anderton

Barbara called the meeting to order using the new microphone. There were a few minor problems with it but generally it worked well.

Vice President's/Website Report: Bob Meneely

Bob asked who knew we had a Facebook page and then explained members can use it to share stories and post pictures of interesting finds. The problem we have been having is people using the site for non-metal detecting things like selling purses. To use the site just request to be added as a friend and keep your postings to metal detecting related things.

Secretary's Report: Steve Timmons

Steve reported that the survey results from the prior month were included in last month's newsletter. Also if you have a suggestion, complaint, question, etc., email one of the Board members and you will get an answer.

Treasurer's Report: Al Woltman

Al brought in a video for the library about gold hunting by Mike Bowers, who has been a guest speaker in the past. Also, Larry at Big Valley donated one of the new White's TRX pinpointers to the club which we auctioned later in the meeting.

Membership Report: George Magann

George reported membership is at 185 members with 122 paid. He also had flyers for the annual hunt (see one at the end of the newsletter).

- Calendar Legend:**
- SVDB Monthly Meetings*
 - Sun Day-in-the-Park Hunts*
 - Sat Day-in-the-Park Hunts*
 - Quarterly Planted Hunt*

Library Report: *Tom Schweppe*

Everything is good with the library. Tom urged members to use the library.

Recovery Report: *Tom Boyd*

Tom said we got one request for help for a missing wedding ring. Ross Martin responded. Unfortunately the ring was lost indoors where using a metal detector is difficult. After an unsuccessful search, he tried using a dowsing rod but that failed to find the ring as well. Despite no success, we did get a \$50 donation and Ross went to a local park afterward and found a gold ring.

New Business:

Don Dunn explained how we decide the number and value of coins to include in the monthly raffle. We start with about \$700 worth of coins and hold back 2 coins. When the raffle receipts for the night are announced, the number of coins is adjusted to clear about \$150 from the raffle. This monthly amount is used for prizes in the annual hunt. Al explained the budget for the annual hunt is approximately \$4,600 made up of 11 months at \$150 from the raffle and 75 hunters entry fee of \$40. Please pay your entry fee by the May 1st meeting. After that date, the entry fee will be \$45.

Congratulations to Scott Newens and everyone that saves their junk for him. He received the "Recycling Guru" award from Habitat for Humanity for accumulating \$10,000 in scrap metal. He also mentioned that there are fake Garrett pinpointers showing up in the market so be careful if you buy from a secondary source.

Barbara did her best at telling a joke. Then she covered the results of the survey. If you haven't seen the results, go to the website and look at the march 2014 newsletter.

Dave Sturdivant talked about the upcoming hunts in Kansas and Indiana. He attended both last year and said they were great, lots of fun and good prizes.

There was some discussion about the detectorist that was cited at Folsom Lake and will have to go to court. The club was contacted by the Sacramento Bee for comment and John Duffy replied. You can see the article in this newsletter after the photos.

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:

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

John Duffy auctioned off the donated Whites TRX pinpointer. It created quite a stir at the meeting but no one had any field time with it yet. Check back at the next meeting as some members were buying them to try out.

Odds 'n Ends:

Raffle total for the second month exceeded \$1,100 coming in at \$1,131.

Don Thurber won the membership drawing and **Charlotte Key** won the gold coin in the raffle.

Winners of Day-In-the-Park Hunts:

- 2/22 Bella Vista – Curt and Chris had 1962 coins
- 2/15 Rio Tierra 16 hunters pulled 598 coins out for a total of \$51.23. James Neeley had a 1944 nickel
- 2/8 Northland High Curtis Craft had the oldest coin.

Show & Tell:

John Hainlen started off by trying to get help identifying an object he found. Barbara talked about finding a 1923 Japanese coin a 6 wheaties hunting a residential tear down project. And James explained how to get out of a parking ticket.

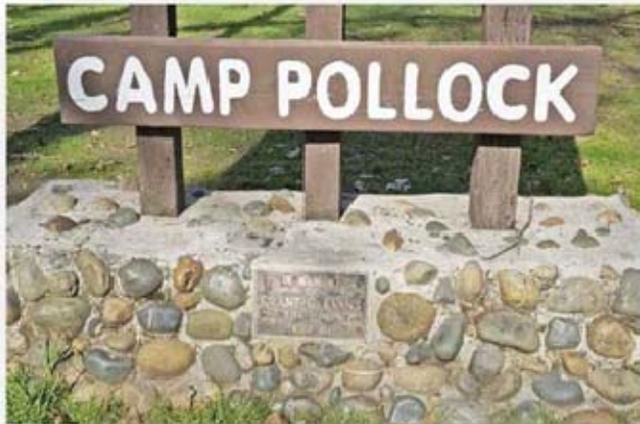
Scott's Award



She shoots, she scores!!!
Charlotte nabs the gold coin



The Mini Hunt Crew





Wrapping up the Sunday Hunt



The Brains of the Outfit



Auction Action





Checking out the TRX



Sacramento Valley Detecting Buff's

Annual Hunt

May 24, 2014

Hunt starts 10:00 AM

Subject to change

Camp Pollock

1501 Northgate Blvd
Sacramento, CA. 95815

Lots of Prizes

Food

A Fun Hunt

Over 6,000 targets

Let's Have A Large Turnout

Hunt Fees \$40.00, Paid On Or Before The Meeting Of MAY 1, 2014

Hunt Fees \$45.00, Paid On Or After MAY 2, thru MAY 24, 2014

Members under 12yrs, Hunt Fees \$12.00

* 2014 membership dues must be current to hunt *
Area set aside for children under 12yrs, Physically Challenged and
new inexperienced hunters only



Aerial View of the dwindling water behind Folsom Dam . The spreading dry ground presents a seeming good opportunity for finding treasures with metal detectors.

By: Ed Fletcher

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Low water levels at Folsom Lake have presented metal detecting enthusiasts with a chance to unearth coins, trinkets and other objects that haven't seen the light of day for decades.

Too bad, as ranger Mike Green and signs on the parkway point out, it's illegal to use or possess a metal detector on federal land.

One Citrus Heights man recently made news when he was given a citation for taking a metal detector into the Folsom Lake State Recreational Area, which – while managed by the state – is on federal land.

Green said rangers saw a spike in illegal metal detector use when the water level receded to the point where parts of the long submerged mining town Mormon Island was exposed. The lack of early season rains made the parched Folsom Lake a popular place to explore. More recent rains have nudged water levels back up from historic lows. "It's kind of always been something that has happened here," Green said. "It did get a little more popular with the water going down."

Green said he generally treats the infractions as teachable moments and lets violators off with a warning. He was not involved in the reported Jan. 13 citing of Keegan Sukup. Sukup told media outlets then that he was unaware of the law.

He was not available for comment Friday.

John Duffy, a past president of Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs, said his members abide by the law, but he questions why the regulation needs to cover well-traveled beach areas.

"If there is not going to be any disturbance of historic artifacts ... I'm not clear in my own mind why there should be a restriction," said Duffy, a retired state parks employee.

Duffy said he and other members gladly try to recover lost wedding rings, but can't help if the jewelry is lost at Folsom Lake.

Over the years, he found several valuable rings. In some instances, markings allowed Duffy to return the rings to their owners.

He said the exposed lake bed "opens up an area that normally isn't accessible," making it attractive to metal-detector enthusiasts. Club members generally search schools, parks and other public areas. They meet monthly to compare their finds. Today the club is gathering at 9 a.m. at the old Camp Pollock, now managed by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, for a "planted club hunt," in which tokens are hidden for participants. He said finding old things gives him great joy.

"It's a time warp. It causes me to think about the life and times that were going on then," Duffy said. "I feel blessed when I uncover something that has been there a long time."