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"THE DIRTY DIGGER"



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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Upcoming PTHC Events

- ✓ **March 12, 2016 (Saturday) - 8:00AM:** Second Saturday Hunt. Meet at Denny's on 128th in South Everett and join the group for this days hunt.
- ✓ **March 16, 2016 (Wednesday) - 7:00PM:** Monthly club meeting. Everett Fire Station on Hewitt, doors open at 7PM, meeting starts at 7:30.
- ✓ **April 23, 2016 (Saturday) - 9:00AM:** Annual Spring hunt at Thornton A. Sullivan Park at Silver Lake. Members only hunt. Bring \$10 plus two items to plant and your favorite dish to share at the potluck following the hunt!
- ✓ **May 27-29, 2016 (Memorial Day Weekend):** "PTHC Mayfest" at Stanwood/Camano Community Fairgrounds. Theme is "Return of the Zombies".

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We're on the Web! Visit us at:

<http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/home.html>

Upcoming Events - other organizations and clubs

- ✓ **March 12, 2016 ***If you're interested this is happening real soon!*** Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club (website: <https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundtreasurehunters/home>) Spring Charity Night Hunt at Our Savior Lutheran Church 4519 112th St. E Tacoma. Raffle includes a Garrett AT PRO Detector and Silver. Proceeds from this hunt will help support the two Fisher Houses at Joint Base Lewis McChord. Contact Sue Kaas at e-mail smkaas@msn.com or Jim Ratcliff, Sr. at e-mail scouthobby@comcast.net**
- ✓ **Apr 2-3, 2016 Gold and Treasure Show** - at the Thurston County Expo sponsored by www.bedrockprospectors.org/. Open booths available for Club events and or Used equipment for sale. Contact jackragusa@gmail.com
- ✓ **May 27-29, 2016 Mayfest** - Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club's annual extravaganza! This year's theme is "Return of the Zombies" (I guess the Zombies had such a good time last year they are coming back!). MDAW will again be sponsoring one of the hunts on Saturday afternoon where all entrance fees go back into the field. We put out over 8,000 coins again last year. For more information go to: <http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/home.html>
- ✓ **June 17, 18 & 19, 2016 NWTWC Annual Treasure Hunt "Back at Farragut Park"**. Save with early registration Mar.1 and May 15th price changes. Hunts for all ages - kids, teens, and seniors. [Camping available](#). Email:skdjbell1@msb.com Call 1-208-660-4852 Or bottles55@q.com 509-995-4268
- ✓ **July 23, 2016 "Fraser Valley Treasure Hunters" 4th Annual Treasure Chest Hunt. Early Registration still \$75.00.** If you'd like more information about this club drop Mark Lewis a line at FraserValleyTH@gmail.com
- ✓ **July 30th, 2016:** Cascade Treasure Hunters are bringing back their [Silver Shoot](#) in Renton, WA 15711 - 152nd, Renton, WA. Mark Kulseth mkulseth@gmail.com (206) 730 - 2694 or Mark Jenkins markjenkins375@rocketmail.com (425) 223-2985
- ✓ **SEP 2-25, 2016 Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association** - PNNA-sponsored coin exhibit and info table in Hobby Hall at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup - <http://www.pnna.org>
- ✓ **For Metal Detecting Association of Washington events and information go to their website at:** <https://sites.google.com/site/metaldetectwa/events>

Note: There are many "hyper-links" contained in the above event listings. For further information try clicking on one.

“Meet a Member” - The Legend of Chesaw Mike

Sooo.....what do you do with all the junk you dig up? Of course the coins, jewelry and any other valuable or special items may find their way to the next club meeting to be entered in the “Finds of the Month”; but I am talking about all the other stuff. Well, new club member Mike K. has taken a little bit different view of these less than desirable items and has been kind enough to share his vision with us.

First, here’s a little bit about Mike:

Mike got **“bit by the gold bug”** at a very young age, when he began to learn of his family’s rich history and deep roots in the northeastern central territory of Washington that snuggles up to the Canadian border about 35 miles east of **Oroville** (**“Oro”** is the Spanish word for **“gold”**, by the way in case this gives you a hint of where this story is headed.)

Story is that Mikes Great-Great Grand pappy laid claim to some land there. Now it didn’t look like much, but as he stood there with his young bride he could see something there that others couldn’t see and he liked it. So, he decided to homestead this remote parcel near the eastern Washington Territory mining town of Chesaw. This was a rugged frontier life, but there was a bonus that came with the land and that was in the form of a small **gold mine** on the property....”How cool is that there G’pa!” says Great-great Grandma... **“you da’ man!?”**

Well, through the years the cool waters and time flowed down the Chesaw River and eventually beckoned to Mike to come and try his luck. So he began his quest for **gold**, armed with the heritage stories from his family, some dusty old books (and, of course, a google search) plus an old **gold** pan and eventually a makeshift sluice to coax some of that yellow **treasure** from the old homestead. That was all cool, of course, but eventually, it just fell a little short and he knew there was way more **treasure** within reach on the old family plot.... if only he can find the key. One day last September at Cabela’s, while Mike was ogling over their offerings, a shadowy figure sidles up behind Mike and whispers in a grizzled, gravelly voice, **“You needs one of them thar’ Garrett AT Pro’s, it’s powerful wicked on gold...that’s the ticket to your treasure Mikey.”** Startled, Mike turns, but no one is there....he quietly murmurs...”Grand pappy?” The clerk behind the counter leans forward and says **“Excuse me sir, will that be Visa or MasterCard? And as Mike leaves the store with his awesome new metal detector (and, of course, another \$100 or so of cool accessories), he ponders “...now what do I do with this thing?!” And that is how he ended up joining **Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club** and digging up all the stuff you see in the attached photos. But, like the Great-greats that have gone before him, when he dumps out his pouch on the garage floor and looks at what lay before him, even though it don’t look like much, he can see some **treasures** in there that others might have missed. Look closely and you may too! Enjoy your metal detecting hobby in whatever form it may take! AND Thanks for sharing with us Mike!**



Meeting minutes – February 2016

By Rob Fish

Minutes of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club meeting, held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2016. The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by acting President Ron Hetzel, with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Everett Fire Fighters' Hall, located at 2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett, Washington. Guests always welcome.

Officers Present: President Ron Hetzel; Vice President David Label; Treasurer Lora Hetzel; Secretary Rob Fish; Sgt. @ Arms Steve Stretch

President Ron H. asked if there were any guests present, and Kelly introduced herself. Ron then asked for new members and Tom, Mike and the previously mentioned Kelly introduced themselves and were taught the secret hand shake.

Reminder from Treasurer Lora H. that dues are due.

Secretary Rob F. read the January minutes, which were accepted as read by the membership.

Vice President David L. broke out the new and improved spring scavenger hunt, which will run from the conclusion of tonight's meeting through April's meeting. Flyers are available.

Prez Ron announced the spring hunt, to be held at Silver Lake at Sullivan Park in Everett on Saturday, April 23rd. Member Randy R. will host the hunt. Dress warmly, as this location is known to actually be colder than a day game at Candlestick Park.

Vice Prez David L went over the second Saturday hunt, held this past February 13th. Ten hunters showed up at the hot dog cart by the gas station at 128th and the freeway. The chosen location was Old Edmunds Woodway School, and a list of items was rounded out. The rain held off long enough for a successful hunt. Jim T. had find of the day with a golden dollar.

Prez Ron announced some upcoming hunts, see the flyers or talk to somebody who knows what's up with the hunt you're interested in. Sgt. @ Arms Steve S. Drew some raffle tickets. Treasurer Lora H. Says that the newsletter is back on line.

Prez Ron explained what club hunts are as opposed to what open hunts are.

Lora H. spoke briefly about Mayfest. Get ready; it'll be here before we know it.

Prez Ron H. called a break at 8:00 PM, re-convening the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Vice Prez David L. went over the finds of the month, as judged by Walt E. and Jim C. Thanks for judging, guys! A second chance drawing was held.

Member Ray D. hit the candy guess with 247. I see Novocain in Ray's future.

Member Alina R. won the show for the dough.

Sgt. @ Arms Steve S. drew the remaining raffle tickets. A drawing was held for a silver dollar.

The kiddy bag yielded a couple Ikes and an Indian Head Penny. Nobody drew the gold coin, so it's still in there.

With no further input from the gallery, Prez Ron H. called the meeting adjourned @ 8:40 PM ----- Respectfully submitted, Secretary Rob F.

PILCHUCK TREASURE HUNTING CLUB SCAVANGER HUNT

Starts - February 17, 2016

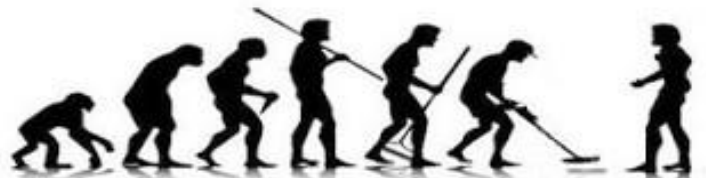
Ends - April 17, 2016

ITEMS TO FIND.

1. National Park US Quarter
2. Metal Toy - Soldier, Cowboy or Indian
3. Box or Opened End Wrench
4. Red, Green and Black Pulltab
5. Brass Hinge
6. Live Ammunition
7. Jean Rivet
8. Pre 1970 Dog License or Vaccination Tag
9. Fishing Lure w/hook
10. Three Foreign Coins - No Canadian
11. 1958 Wheatie
12. Auto Part
13. 11 K Gold Ring with Stone
14. Religious Item
15. Old Ford Type Key
16. State Tax Taken - Not from Washington
17. Silver Charm
18. Ace Bandage Clip
19. Button with Maker Name
20. Vintage Die Cast Vehicle - Larger than Typical Hot Wheel

RULES: *There will be a first and second place winner. Member with the highest number of finds is the winner. A found item can only be used in one category and only one item per category. Items need not be present for review, this list checked off is sufficient. Tie breaker will be by number. Item 1, if not found then 2, if not found then 3, etc. For questions contact David Label - 206-719-3557*

There is now two entry category. One for veteran members and another for members of 3 or less years.



COINS TO BE FOUND (as of 2/29/2016)

Quarters: American Samoa P / Northern Mariana Islands P / Virgin Island P / Glacier P / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / Yellowstone D / El Yunque P / Chaco Culture P / Acadia P / Hawaii Volcanoes P / Great Basin P / International Peace Memorial P / White Mountain P / Everglades Nat. Park P / Great Sand Dunes Nat. Park P / Great Smokey Mountains Nat. Park P / Nebraska: Homestead National Monument P / Louisiana: Kisatchie National Forest Park P & D / North Carolina: Blue Ridge Parkway P & D / Delaware: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge P & D / New York Saratoga National Historical Park P & D

New 2016 Quarters:

Shawnee National Forest Site P & D / Cumberland Gap National Historical Park P & D / Harpers Ferry National Historical Park P & D / Theodore Roosevelt National Park P & D / Fort Sumter National Monument Site P & D

Sacagawea Dollars:

2011 P / 2012 P / 2013 P & D / 2014 P & D / 2015 P & D / 2016 P & D

Presidential Dollars:

Monroe P / Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / Lincoln P / Buchanan P / Pierce P / Fillmore P / Arthur P & D / G. Cleveland (1885-1889) P & D / B. Harrison P & D / Grover Cleveland (1893 – 1897) P & D / Woodrow Wilson P & D / William H Taft P & D / Theodore Roosevelt P & D / Wm McKinley P & D / Warren Harding P & D / Calvin Coolidge P & D / Herbert Hoover P & D / Franklin D. Roosevelt P & D / Harry S. Truman P & D / Dwight D Eisenhower P & D / John F Kennedy P & D / Lyndon B. Johnson P & D

New 2016 Dollar coins:

Richard M Nixon P & D, Gerald Ford P & D, Jimmy Carter P & D and Ronald Reagan P & D

As soon as you find one of the please **Contact Ron** at 425-338-3682 or ronhetzel@yahoo.com

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