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# "THE DIRTY DIGGER"



## Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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### Upcoming PTHC Events

- ✓ **February 13, 2016 (Saturday) - 8:00AM:** Second Saturday Hunt. Meet at Denny's on 128<sup>th</sup> in South Everett and join the group for this days hunt.
- ✓ **February 17, 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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<http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/home.html>

### Upcoming Events - other organizations and clubs

- ✓ **February 20-22, 2016:** [Gold Gem and Mineral Show 2016](#): at [Evergreen State Fairgrounds](#), Monroe, WA
- ✓ **March 12, 2016** [Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club](#) 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](mailto:smkaas@msn.com) or Jim Ratcliff, Sr. at e-mail [scouthobby@comcast.net](mailto:scouthobby@comcast.net)
- ✓ **Apr 2-3, 2016** [Gold and Treasure Show](#) - at the Thurston County Expo sponsored by [www.bedrockprospectors.org/](http://www.bedrockprospectors.org/). Open booths available for Club events and or Used equipment for sale. Contact [jackragusa@gmail.com](mailto: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>
- ✓ **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](mailto: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](mailto:mkulseth@gmail.com) (206) 730 - 2694 or Mark Jenkins [markjenkins375@rocketmail.com](mailto: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.

## Meeting minutes – January 2016

By Rob Fish

Minutes of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club meeting, held on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016. The meeting was convened at 7:25 PM by acting president, treasurer Lora Hetzel, with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Everett Fire Fighters' Hall, located at 2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett, Washington. Guests always welcome.

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

Acting prez Lora H. announced that dues are due. Please pay your due dues which are your dues that are due in due time. Failure to do so will result in the same consequences as last year; your head falling off, rolling out the door and getting hit by a cement truck. Guests and new members were called for and we had a guest, Mike, who swings an AT Pro. No new members dared introduce themselves, so it was presumed that none were present. Secretary Rob F. read the November 2015 minutes, which were accepted as read by the membership.

Lora mentioned that the December party and pot luck went off nicely and thanked those who attended and helped out. The five finds of the year displays were voted on by the membership and the winners were: 1) Mark J. 2) Stan S. 3) Ron A. Congrats to you fellers.

Vice President David L. passed around an article about an 1894 S Barber dime (I think...) that fetched two million at auction. There are some other clubs' hunts coming up, flyers available. Member Randy R. mentioned the upcoming gold show, which will be at the fairgrounds in Monroe on February 21st and 22nd.

It was decided by the membership and announced by Lora that our spring hunt will be held at Silver Lake on April 23rd. Randy will be hosting the hunt this year. Bring ten bucks and a couple plantables to get in on the action. There was discussion from the gallery regarding future hunts, see any available flyers at the front table, or ask someone who knows for any info you may seek. Also, if you have any info that you would like to see in the minutes, see me during the break to have your info included, because sometimes I miss what's said at the time.

Member Randy R., filling in for Vice President David L. reviewed the December, 2015, and January, 2016

second Saturday hunts. As usual, we met up at our favorite choke and puke for breakfast on the Saturdays of the hunts. December's hunt was held at Green Lake, and 12 hunters attended. The find of the day was a Rosy dime, found by Randy R. January's hunt was held at Golden Gardens, and 6 hunters showed up. Find of the day was Jim T's Ike dollar.

Aden drew a silver dime out of the kids' bag, and the gold's still in there...

Ron A. had a birthday, so we all had cake when a break was called at 8:00.

Lora called the meeting back to order @ 8:15. Randy went over the finds of the month as judged by Ben T. and Derek R. Thanks for judging, guys! Prizes were distributed and a second chance drawing was held. Show for the dough was Tom M., who wasn't here to collect, so up goes the pot for next month. Ed hit the candy guess with 99. Actual was 96. No dentists were consulted. Vice president David L. went over the recent scavenger hunt, and the winners were Pat with seven items, and Walt with fourteen. Two raffles were held, one for silver halves and one for a Peace dollar. With no further input from the gallery, Lora called the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Respectfully submitted, Secretary Rob F.



*An example of an 1866 Shield Nickel, found by Ron A. last month.*



*An example of a 1933-S Walker half dollar found by Mark K. last month.*

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## Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club -- "Finds of the Month" January, 2016

### LAND

#### Oldest US Coin

1. 1866 Shield Nickel, Ron A.
2. 1900 S Barber Dime, Mark K.
3. 1902 S Barber Dime, Mark J.
4. 1916 Wheat Penny, Randy R.

#### Most Valuable US Coin

1. 1933 S Walker Half, Mark K.
2. 1952 S Franklin Half, Mark J.
3. 1925 S Mercury Dime, Ron A.
4. 1941 Mercury Dime, Randy R.

#### Jewelry

1. 18K Ring, Mark J..
2. 1900 Shilling Brooch, Ron A.
3. .10K Ring, Randy R.
4. .Silver Ring, Mark K.

#### Miscellaneous

1. WWII glasses with case, Mark J.
2. 1901 Canadian Dime, Mark K.
3. Key, Marv L.
4. Canadian Centennial Token, Dave L.

#### Toys (Land and Water)

1. Tootsie Toy Tank, David L.
2. Toy Boat, Mark K.
3. 1920s Fire Engine, Ron A.
4. Monster Truck, Walt E.

#### Eyeball

1. Yellow Gold Madonna, Stan S.
2. 1900s Doll Head, Ron A.
3. Pagoda, Walt E.
4. Tiger Eye Stone, Mark K.

### WATER

#### Oldest US Coin

1. 1914 D Barber Dime, Ron A.
2. 1917 S Buffalo Nickel, Stan S.
3. 1919 S Wheat Penny, Mark J.
4. 1935 Wheat Penny, Randy R.

#### Most Valuable US Coin

1. 1892 O Barber Quarter, Stan S.
2. 1951 Franklin Half Dollar, Randy R.
3. 1956 Quarter, Mark J.
4. 1954 Dime, Walt E.

#### Jewelry

1. 14K Gold Ring, Walt E.
2. .925 Ring, Randy R.
3. Sterling Pendant, Stan S.
4. Sterling Mother of Pearl, Ron A.

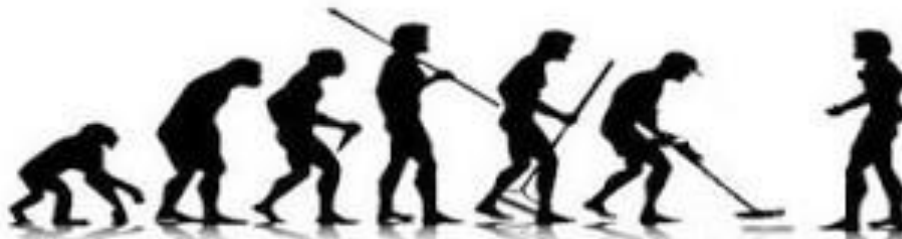
#### Miscellaneous

1. 1967 Silver, Randy R.
2. 1950 Peso, Mark J.
3. Wookie, Walt E.
4. Good For 5c Token, Stan S.

#### Judges

Ben T. and Derek R.

*"Note: Judges' opinions are final, and not subject to membership dispute. It is assumed that the decisions rendered were made in good faith."*



**CODE OF ETHICS**

I WILL respect private property and WILL NOT trespass without the land owners permission.  
I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures

I WILL NOT litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash dug in my search.

I WILL leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.

I WILL fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.

I WILL report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.

I WILL Be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby.

Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your hobby - you are the ambassador of a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how you act & respond.

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