

## Newsletter of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club



### **PTHC Newsletter Redesigned**

Many thanks to Ray Desy for publishing, editing, and distributing the Dirty Digger. For the past 4 and a half years, he gave countless hours preparing and presenting “all things PTHC” and treasure-related stories, with class, style, and joy. In the last couple of months, Ray has graciously assisted me as I take on the Newsletter Editor role. It will be a fun adventure, a work-in-progress, and hopefully a good read for you!

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# Events

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## PTHC Events > November, December, January

DATE	TIME	EVENT	INFO
11/09/2019	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
11/20/2019	7:30PM	November 2019 Meeting	Firefighter's Hall on Hewitt Ave at Everett. Guests welcome!
12/14/2019	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
12/18/2019	6:30PM	2019 Christmas Holiday Meeting & Potluck	Members only
01/11/2020	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
01/15/2020	7:30PM	January 2020 Meeting	Firefighter's Hall on Hewitt Ave at Everett. Guests welcome!

## Other Clubs & Orgs

DATE	TIME	EVENT	INFO
11/9, 11/10	9-5, 10-5	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club Annual November Show	<a href="http://www.maplewood-rockclub.com/calendar/november-show">http://www.maplewood-rockclub.com/calendar/november-show</a>
12/7, 12/8	9-5, 10-5	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club 2019 Winter Bazaar	<a href="http://www.maplewood-rockclub.com/events/Winter-Bazaar">http://www.maplewood-rockclub.com/events/Winter-Bazaar</a>

## Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt

October 5, 2019: Thornton A. Sullivan Beach Park

**16** members swarmed the beach like a rabid pack of Canada Geese, though less noisy and unsanitary. For 45 minutes they swung and probed and dug and bent and stooped, loading their finds pouches with coins, tokens, and coarse Washington state sand.

As varied as the hunters and the tools of the trade in use, there was one commonality: find as much of the planted **\$750 in coins** (silver and clad) as possible.



For an October hunt in WA, we caught a break: the rain held off until just minutes before hunt's end, and it was a very light rain at that, which bothered none present, particu-

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## Second Saturday: October 12, 2019

After the morning breakfast at Denny's, 15 PTHC members drove to **Hamlin Park** at Shoreline, WA. The Items-to-Find List included:

- foreign coin
- clothing attachment
- dog jewelry
- jewelry
- sport item
- house item



No one member found them all. Most found at least one; two members got skunked.

At noon, we all met at the designated meeting point and determined that John Q.'s 1952 Half Dollar (likeness above) earned the Find of the Day. At the October meeting a few days later, John received a silver dollar as

a prize for the find.

Each of the 15 participants received **two \$1 coins** at the October meeting - just for coming out and doing our favorite hobby! Those that found items from the list will also win a prize for each item.

November's Second Saturday hunt takes place on Saturday, November 9th. Join us at the Denny's at 128th and I-5 at 8am. Arrive a little earlier and have breakfast.

### Second Saturday Prizes

- Participation: 2 golden dollars
- List item find: 1 golden dollar for each
- Find of the Day: 1 silver quarter
- Silver or Gold jewelry found: silver dime
- Wheat cent, Silver or Old coin: silver dime

**It was great to see  
all you out there!**

larly those of us observing the hunt from the dry confines of the rented picnic shelter.

Time was called at 10:45 and all made their way to picnic tables and chairs to count the found treasure. After all tokens were turned in for silver, we were quite surprised to see an unusual number left unfound: 26 dimes, 6 quarters, and 4 halves.

Some notable finds include the sil-

ver dollar (provided by PTHC) found by **Lloyd M.**, a risqué button, and some type of fabricated token (not planted by PTHC) found by **Ray D.**

**Thanks** to all the volunteers that helped with planting the hundreds of coins and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks, too, to all of you who brought food and beverages to share! Participation in the hunt raised **\$130** for the club.

I've submitted the group photo from the hunt to Western & Eastern Treasures magazine - the one to the left. Give the club some publicity!

# Coins <sup>to be</sup> Found 4

Email [pthc.news@gmail.com](mailto:pthc.news@gmail.com) if you find one of these and claim your prize at the next monthly meeting.



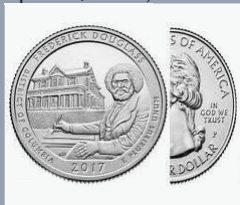
## Quarters from previous years

(These are in the America's National Park quarters series (2010-2021))

American Samoa P / Virgin Island P / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / Acadia P / Hawaii Volcanoes P / International Peace Memorial P / White Mountain P / Great Smokey Mountains Nat. Park P / New York Fort Sumter National Monument Site P / Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore P / Voyageurs National Park P / Cumberland Island National Seashore P

## Coins Found October 2019

Kari D. found the National Parks Quarter: Frederick Douglas National Historic Site in the District of Columbia "P" (Sept. 30, 2019)



Mike K. found the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam "D" 2019 quarter (Sept. 30, 2019)



## New 2019 Quarters

If you're the first club member to find, with your metal detector, one of the newly minted quarters with the mint mark "W" (for West Point mint), you can claim a special prize of a "silver half dollar". Keep an eye on your finds pouch!

Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts PDW / American Memorial Park in Northern Mariana Islands PDW / War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam PW / San Antonio Missions National Historical Park in Texas PDW / Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho PDW

## Sacagawea Dollars

2011 P / 2012 P / 2013 P & D / 2014 P & D / 2015 P & D / 2016 P & D / 2017 P & D / 2018 P & D / 2019 P & D

## Presidential Dollars

Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / Arthur P & D / G. Cleveland P & D / Grover Cleveland 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 / Franklin D. Roosevelt P & D / Harry S. Truman P & D / Dwight D Eisenhower D / John F Kennedy P & D / Lyndon B. Johnson P & D / Richard M Nixon P & D, Gerald Ford P & D and Ronald Reagan P & D

No new issues of Presidential Dollars until a former president of the U.S. dies.

# 5 Scavenger Hunt

Mark K. has once again put together an outstanding scavenger hunt. This one features 106 unique items to find between September 18, 2019 and January 15, 2020.

Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club Fall/Winter 2019 Scavenger Hunt

Begins Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> / Ends Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

Items may be found with a metal detector, water scoop or eyeball. Top 3 point winners receive silver prizes as well as all participants.

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fishing sinker       | 36. 1940's Merc              | 72. Franklin Half        |
| 2. Pre 1920 wheat       | 37. 14K Ring                 | 73. Tootsie Toy          |
| 3. Shotgun Shell        | 38. Silver Necklace          | 74. US Three Cent Coin   |
| 4. Transit Token        | 39. 1946 Wheat               | 75. Hot Wheels Car       |
| 5. Light Bulb Base      | 40. Axe Head                 | 76. 1950's Rosie         |
| 6. Compact              | 41. 1942 Nickel (Non Silver) | 77. Golf Ball            |
| 7. Military Button      | 42. US Silver \$             | 78. Hose Nozzle          |
| 8. War Nickel           | 43. Railroad Spike           | 79. Pre 1900 Silver Coin |
| 9. Pocket Knife         | 44. 1946 Rosie               | 80. Paper Clip           |
| 10. 1958-D Wheat        | 45. Scout Item               | 81. Gold Ring W/Stone    |
| 11. Foreign Silver Coin | 46. 10K Gold Ring            | 82. Presidential \$      |
| 12. Silver Earring      | 47. Copper Nail              | 83. Cap Gun              |
| 13. Indian Cent         | 48. Walking Half             | 84. Spark Plug           |
| 14. Square Nail         | 49. Standing Lib Quarter     | 85. Suspender Clip       |
| 15. Lead Toy            | 50. Pre 1800 US Coin         | 86. Wa. Tax Token        |
| 16. Matchbox Toy        | 51. Pre 1900 US Coin         | 87. Oil Lamp Part        |
| 17. Bullet Casing       | 52. Canadian Lrg Cent        | 88. Dinner Knife         |
| 18. 1970 Cent           | 53. Seated Coin              | 89. Shield Nickel        |
| 19. 1970 Nickel         | 54. Barber Quarter           | 90. Silver Wa. Quarter   |
| 20. 1970 Dime           | 55. Two Cent US Coin         | 91. Silver Kennedy Half  |
| 21. 1970 Quarter        | 56. Barber Dime              | 92. Clad Kennedy Half    |
| 22. Pet License Tag     | 57. Any Platinum Jewelry     | 93. Grommet              |
| 23. Sacagawea \$        | 58. Good For Token           | 94. Tent Stake           |
| 24. Buffalo Nickel      | 59. Wrist Watch              | 95. Railroad Spike       |
| 25. Bottle Cap          | 60. Automobile Part          | 96. Steel Beverage Can   |
| 26. Safety Pin          | 62. Door Knob                | 97. D Cell Battery       |
| 27. Spoon               | 63. Fork                     | 98. Live Bullet          |
| 28. Beaver Tail         | 64. Marble                   | 99. Skeleton Key         |
| 29. Pencil Eraser       | 65. Plastic Water Bottle     | 100. Harmonica Reed      |
| 30. US Half Dime        | 66. V Nickel                 | 101. Aluminum Can        |
| 31. US Large Cent       | 67. Birth Year Coin          | 102. License Plate Tag   |
| 32. Copper Fitting      | 68. Zippo Lighter            | 103. Valve Stem Cover    |
| 33. Teens Merc Dime     | 69. Two or More Keys on Ring | 104. Pocket Watch        |
| 34. 1920's Merc         | 70. Colored Pull Tab         | 105. Bale Seal           |
| 35. 1930'S Merc         | 71. Padlock                  | 106. Bike Reflector      |

**This is Mark's final scavenger hunt. Let The Board know if you're interested in picking this up.**

# Finds of the Month.....October 2019

At each PTHC meeting, members submit items found since the last club meeting. These finds are judged, and 1st through 4th place prizes are awarded. Those entries not placing receive a ticket for the Second Chance drawing. Below are the Finds of the Month for October 2019.

## LAND

### OLDEST U.S. COIN

1. Chris T. - draped L.C.
2. Katlin - classic L.C
3. Elizabeth M. - 1854 half dime (above)
4. Kari D. - 1904 V nickel

### MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN

1. Katlin - 1787 Fugio (below left)
2. Ron A. - 1915-S Buffalo nickel
3. John Q. - 1952-D Franklin half dollar
4. Kari D. - 1900-S Barber dime

## JEWELRY

1. Ron A. - .925 ring with turquoise
2. Gerig A. - Cameo brooch
3. Lloyd M. - .925 pendant
4. Mike K. - silver cross ring

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Ron A. - 12 1/2 cent Alaska token
2. Elizabeth M. - 1734 George II penny
3. Chris T. - 1781 half Reale
4. Katlin - 1786-88 Connecticut copper

## WATER

### OLDEST U.S. COIN

1. Ron A. - 1890 V nickel
2. Lloyd M. - 1925 wheat penny
3. Randy R. - 1941 wheat penny
4. Walt E. - 1970 penny

### MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN

1. Ron A. - 1899-S Barber dime
2. Lloyd M. - 1943 Washington quarter
3. Walt E. - clad quarter
4. Randy R. - clad quarter

## JEWELRY

1. Randy R. - .925 St. Christopher medalion
2. Ron A. - sterling silver bracelet
3. Lloyd M. - ring
4. None awarded

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Randy R. - "WHATSIT": Hindu curse plate
2. Ron A. - spoon
3. Mike C. - fishing lure
4. Walt E. - bearing

## LAND or WATER TOYS

1. Ray D. - earring
2. Kari D. - early-1800's jar
3. Mike K. - witches' glitter
4. Lloyd M. - pliers

## EYEBALL

1. Kari D. - penny
2. Ron A. - penny
3. Chris T. - quarter
4. Gerig A. - ugly coin

## UGLIEST COIN

1. Mike K. - tractor
2. Randy R. - lead soldier
3. Kari D. - Tootsie Toy
4. David L. - Jolly Rodger badge

## PRIZE AWARDS

**1st**  
2 silver dimes

**2nd**  
1 silver dime

**3rd**  
1 golden dollar

**4th**  
1 half dollar

**Second Chance**  
Same as above

## Steve's Stash: The Cookie Cutter Caper

On Sunday, October 13th, Darlene Douglas (my wife) found the buried cookie cutter near a tree at Al Borlin Park at Monroe, WA. She had never used a metal detector previous to this day and located the item within an hour of starting out. She used my secondary detector, a Tesoro Compadre, with discrimination set to "pull tabs". She got the signal and called me over, and I confirmed the signal with my MineLab Xterra 705. The target ID was a strong "42" so time to start digging. What I first saw "4" down didn't look nor feel like aluminum but I carried on, my curiosity peaked. In just another minute I had the target in hand, and could make out the word, "Reward". That's intriguing! Closer inspection revealed the PTHC business card. "You found it," I said to Darlene, who yelled "Yeah!" and gave me a robust high-five.

She was so happy to solve the caper and I sure liked seeing her big smile. It was earlier in the day that she decided she wanted to look for it, after I had asked her to proofread the draft of this newsletter issue, which had included a feature on the caper. She liked the idea of having to solve the clues and going out and find it, even after never before being interested in anything metal detecting. Trust me, I tried! Although there is that one time she wore a ring I'd found at Matthews Beach...

Photo here:

<https://thepthc.wixsite.com/pthc/finds>.

Solved!

The items you submit for Finds of the Month may also qualify for the 2019 Fall/Winter Scavenger Hunt.

## JUDGES

Ron A.  
Paul S.

## NOTE

The judges' opinions are final and not subject to membership disputes. We all assume that the decisions rendered were made in good faith.

# Board News

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## New Business: The Election of Officers

The PTHC Board announced that the November meeting (11/20/2019) will include a vote for Board positions.

At October's meeting, the Election Committee (consisting of the current Board members) presented a Slate of Officers. The Slate proposes Dave L. for President, Randy R. for Vice President, Ray D. for Treasurer, Emma F. for Secretary, Ben T. for Sergeant-at-Arms, and elimination of the Trustee position.

Dave assured that anyone interested in any of the Board positions will receive a 6-month shadow (in the form of the current person in the position) for him/her to settle in to the role. When Dave asked if anyone wanted to submit his/her name for a position, no one volunteered.

The Board also presented the proposal of new positions to the club.

**Hunt Chairman:** responsible for Second Saturday, Seasonal, and Special Hunts.

**Official Greeter:** responsible for greeting members and guests, particularly guests, when they come to a meeting, and showing them around and sharing what we do at PTHC.

**Hospitality Chairman:** responsible for arranging snacks at meetings, gathering volunteers to assist with clean up, managing the potlucks at Seasonal and Special Hunts.

**Newsletter Editor:** responsible for writing, publishing, mailing the monthly newsletter, and the web site (currently filled by Vaughan D.).

**Trustee:** PTHC has not had this position filled for quite some time, and The Board is considering removing it from the By-Laws.

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# This Month's By-Law

This column features one or two PTHC By-Laws.

View all of them:

<https://thepthc.wixsite.com/pthc/members-corner>.

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be, Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club, herein after referred to as PTHC, in these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE II PURPOSE

### Section 1.

Shall be to unite and associate persons who are interested in the sport and pastime of hunting treasure, relics, and artifacts.

### Section 2.

To promote mutual education and improvement in the art of collecting and for generally enlarging their knowledge of these fields.

### Section 3.

To perpetuate through mutual agreement with local and state historical societies in the preservation of antiques related to the past.

See Emma to review the entire By-Laws collection at any of the regular club meetings.

## 2019 PTHC Christmas Holiday Meeting & Potluck

The PTHC Board announced the date for the annual **Christmas Holiday Meeting & Potluck: December 18, 2019**. This meeting starts at 6:30PM, *one hour earlier than normal*. Doors open about 5:30PM. Members are encouraged to bring their FIVE favorite finds of the year, a potluck dish to share, and an unwrapped gift (approx. \$10-\$20 value) if you wish to participate in the "dice-in-the-pie-pan" game.

Look what **Ron A.** added to his treasury... a Silver Round donated by MDAW. Ron found the kangaroo token at the the Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt and this round was the prize. **Mark K.** planted the kangaroo token.



# Members' Corner

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This section is dedicated to the PTHC membership and features stories, tips, finds, requests, and announcements. Email [pthc.news@gmail.com](mailto:pthc.news@gmail.com) if you have a suggestion or something to add.

**This month's feature is Membership Dues.**

**Dues is due January 1, 2020.**

Membership Dues are written in Article III of the PTHC By-Laws. View them in detail at the November club meeting, 11/20/2019.

### Annual Individual

\$25.00 paid annually

### Annual Family

\$30.00 paid annually

- Spouses
- Single parent and dependent children under the age of 16 years

### Individual Lifetime Membership

\$200.00 one-time fee

- Applies to persons 16 years of age or older and not yet 65

### Senior's Lifetime Membership

\$60.00 one-time fee

- 65 years of age or older
  - the Senior Member's spouse may join the club by choosing one of the following two options:
    1. pay a \$5.00 per year membership fee
    2. pay a one-time fee for a Lifetime Membership
      - \$25.00 one-time fee for a spouse 60 years or older
      - \$50.00 one-time fee for a spouse 50 years or older and not yet 60 years of age

### Juniors

Membership is subject to consent of parent/legal guardian

- a grandchild 14 years or under: \$5.00 per year
- a child 14 years or under: \$5.00 per year

Please pay dues in person at the November or December club meeting.

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# Contact Info

## PTHC Board Members

For now, email all inquiries to [pthc.news@gmail.com](mailto:pthc.news@gmail.com)

**President** > Dave Label

**Vice-President** > Randy Rouslata

**Treasurer** > Ray Desy

**Secretary** > Emma Flores

**Sergeant-at-Arms** > Ben Trower

## Committee Chairs

**Newsletter Editor** > Vaughan Douglas > [pthc.news@gmail.com](mailto:pthc.news@gmail.com)

**Hunt Chairman** > vacant

**Hospitality Chairman** > vacant

**Official Club Greeter** > vacant

## New PTHC Web Site?

Take a look at a draft of the new PTHC web site:

<https://thepthc.wixsite.com/pthc>

... tell me what you think about it!

[pthc.news@gmail.com](mailto:pthc.news@gmail.com)

## Washington State Parks

### FREE DAYS!

Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Friday, November 29 (Autumn Free Day)

<https://parks.state.wa.us/127/Metal-detecting>



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