

Newsletter of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club

**THE
DIRTY
DIGGER**

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President's Day > Feb. 17

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Events

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PTHC Events > February, March, April

DATE	TIME	EVENT	INFO
02/08	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
02/19	7:30PM	February 2020 Meeting	Members participate, visitors welcome
03/14	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
03/18	7:30PM	March 2020 Meeting	Members participate, visitors welcome
04/11	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
04/15	7:30PM	April 2020 Meeting	Members participate, visitors welcome

Other Clubs & Orgs

03/17	All Day	WA State Parks Free Day	State Parks' 107th Birthday
04/11	All Day	WA State Parks Free Day	Springtime Free Day
5/22 - 5/24	All Day	The Patriot Games Hunt	Southeast Washington Association Treasure Hunters (SWATH). Info on our web: https://thepthc.wixsite.com/pthc/clubs

Second Saturday: January 11, 2020

After the morning breakfast at Denny's, 13 PTHC members left enormous tips (of all clad), then braved the rain and heavy traffic to **Volunteer Park** at Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. The Items-to-Find List included:

- foreign coin
- toy
- jewelry
- battery
- 3 state quarters
- token

By the time we reached the park, the rain had mostly subsided. We did endure a couple of scattered showers. After 3 hours of hunting, the members met at Dave's car and selected the coveted **Find of the Day**. The winner was David L.'s silver ring (above right).

Each of the participants will receive **2 golden dollars** at the February meeting - just for coming out to metal detect. Those that found items from the list will also win a prize for each item found. One hunter got skunked this month, and three did not report their finds.

February's Second Saturday Hunt is set for Saturday, February 8th, 2020. Join us at the Denny's at 128th and I-5 just before 8am.

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



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WA State Park News

For a complete list of Washington State Parks that allow metal detecting, go to this site: <https://parks.state.wa.us/127/Metal-detecting>.

Recently, the parks department released a couple of announcements you might find interesting.

New Webcam at Wallace Falls State Park

<https://parks.state.wa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=559>

Parks Seeking Volunteers

<https://parks.state.wa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=569>

Did You Know?

You must register with the State Parks and carry the registration with you when you hunt at a State Park.

Online Registration Form (good for one year)

<https://parks.state.wa.us/FormCenter/Miscellaneous-12/Metal-detecting-form-76>

Something else to take with you: clip this list of 2020 Washington State Park Free Days. Free Days mean you do not need to pay or have a Discover Pass to use the park.

Washington State Parks

FREE DAYS in 2020

- Thursday, March 19 — State Parks' 107th Birthday
- Saturday, April 11 — Springtime Free Day
- Wednesday, April 22 — Earth Day
- Saturday, June 6 — National Trails Day
- Sunday, June 7 — Free Fishing Day
- Saturday, June 13 — National Get Outdoors Day
- Tuesday, Aug. 25 — National Park Service Birthday
- Saturday, Sept. 26 — National Public Lands Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
- Friday, Nov. 27 — Autumn Free Day

Coins to be Found 4



Email pthc.news@gmail.com if you find any of these coins to claim your prize at the next regular monthly meeting.

Presidential Dollars

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

Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / Arthur PD / Cleveland PD / Wilson PD / Taft PD / T. Roosevelt PD / McKinley PD / Harding PD / Coolidge PD / Hoover P / F.D. Roosevelt PD / Truman PD / Eisenhower D / Kennedy PD / Johnson PD / Nixon PD / Ford PD / Reagan PD



Sacagawea Dollars

2011 P / 2012 P / 2013 PD / 2014 PD / 2015 PD / 2016 PD / 2017 PD / 2018 PD / 2019 PD

National Parks Quarters

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

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



New 2019 Quarters

Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts PDW / American Memorial Park in Northern Mariana Islands PW / 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

Be the first club member to find, with your metal detector, one of the New 2019 quarters with the mint mark "W", and claim a special prize of a silver half dollar. Keep an eye on your finds pouch!

Coins found to date

- NONE found in January 2020
- Frederick Douglas National Historic Site in the District of Columbia "P" (found by Kari D. Sept. 30, 2019)
- War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam "D" 2019 quarter (found by Mike K. Sept. 30, 2019)
- American Memorial Park in Northern Mariana Islands "D" 2019 quarter (found by Mike K.)

5 Finds of the Month

Due to the weather cancellation of January's meeting and the 2019 Holiday Party, PTHC has not had a Finds of the Month competition since November 2019. So now what? In February, the Monthly Meeting will:

- Host a Finds of the Month competition for December, January, and February (Nov 16 - Feb 19)
- Debut Mike K.'s new Finds of the Month Board (preview below)

LAND			
OLDEST U.S. COIN	MOST VALUE U.S. COIN	JEWELRY	MISC.
WATER			
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WATER	LAND	WATER	LAND
TOY	UGLY COIN	EYEBALL	LAND



Steve's Stash: The Cookie Cutter Caper

- I'm in "Dire Straits"
- Because of "Dire Straits", you might think I'm in a kerfuffle: I'm not. It's closer to a confluence.
- The band Chicago once sang, "25 or 6 to 4". I say "5 or 9 to 2".



New Clues

- A lone sentry guards the bank: keep a reasonable distance.
- Cast a line inward from the rocks that don't roll. 30 steps might just be enough.



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club 2020

Scavenger Hunt 1 January 16 - April 15

Three highest point totals receive silver prizes as well as all the participants.

Please bring Bonus point items to the April club meeting.

Any questions contact Ron Aldridge at 206-818-2197 or ron.aldridge@comcast.net



Eyeball / Scooping Finds

1. feather
2. clam or oyster shell
3. marble
4. button (any material)
5. tree nut (chestnut, acorn, etc)
6. wad of foil
7. pavement penny
8. pavement dime
9. pottery shard
10. bead (any material)
11. bobby pin
12. bubble gum wad
13. old bottle (pre 1960)
14. U.S. paper money
15. pull tabs (3 different colors)
16. rubber band
17. glove or mitten
18. sock
19. glasses (sun or regular)
20. plastic toy

Coins & Tokens Detecting /Scooping

1. birth year coin
2. Buffalo nickel (no date)
3. Canadian coin
4. tax token
5. 1976 Bicentennial quarter
6. \$4.00 in dug U.S. coins (accumulated)
7. V Nickel
8. silver Washington quarter
9. 15 Wheaties
10. no date Wheatie
11. transit token
12. "Good For" token
13. Mercury dime
14. silver Roosevelt dime
15. silver war nickel (1943 thru 1945)
16. 1919 Wheat penny
17. 2 foreign coins (non Canadian)
18. 1909-S thru 1915-S Wheatie (one only)
19. 1940 thru 1959 Wheatie (one only)
20. Barber coin (one only)
(1892-1916 10¢, 25¢ or 50¢)

Misc. Finds Detecting/Scooping

1. safety pin
2. junk jewelry
3. hinge
4. tooth paste type squeeze tube
5. hair barrette
6. 5 toy cars & trucks
7. gear wheel from watch or toy
8. suspender piece
9. metal toy wheel
10. blue jeans button
11. military button
12. copper tubing
13. whistle
14. bell
15. harmonica part
16. pencil eraser
17. shell casing
18. bullet head
19. key
20. fishing weight
21. spoon
22. lead soldier piece
23. fork
24. silver ring
26. copper wire
27. ace bandage clip
28. tire weight
29. thimble
30. old fuse

Bonus Items (3 pts) Detecting /Scooping

1. exhibition or worlds fair item
2. ring with inscription
3. auto key (maker marked Ford, GM, etc.)
4. item w/ patent date between 1895 -1919
5. gold ring (10k+)

Scavenger Hunt

Ron A. compiled this excellent and fun new scavenger hunt **exclusively** for PTHC.

Board News

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Dues is Due

Membership Dues

Being current with dues is required for you to participate in club events. If you haven't made your 2020 membership payment (for those with annual memberships), please pay your annual membership dues at the February club meeting on February 19th, 2020. You can also mail your dues to the PTHC Treasurer.

Ray Desy
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Anacortes, WA 98221

Paying by check is preferred so that both you and the PTHC Treasury have a proof of payment. You may ask the Treasurer for a receipt when you make your payment in person.

Contact Info

PTHC Executive Committee

Please email all inquiries to pthc.news@gmail.com

President > Dave Label

Vice-President > Randy Ruoslata

Treasurer > Ray Desy

Secretary > Emma Flores

PTHC Executive Board

Sergeant-at-Arms > Ben Trower

Program Chairman > Dave Label (acting)

PTHC Officers

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This Month's By-Law

This column features one or two PTHC By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

Section 1.

A nomination committee of three active members shall be appointed at the Board meeting in October. They shall report at the regular meeting in November.

Section 2.

Nomination may be made from the floor prior to election at the November meeting.

Section 3.

A majority vote, by ballot, shall elect. In the case of one nominee the Chair may declare the nominee elected.

Section 4.

Installations shall be held at the December meeting.

Section 5.

A term shall be for one year.

Section 6.

The Trustees shall be appointed by the PTHC President in the following manner: (4) Four Trustees will be appointed for a (2) Two year term each.

Section 7.

Retiring members shall turn over to their successors all records pertaining to their office at the annual meeting.

Section 8.

Vacancies in elected offices shall be filled by the Executive Board, with the exception of the President and Vice President.

(Section 9 below was modified by membership vote on 09-18-91 to allow dealers to hold office)

Section 9.

Dealers handling treasure hunting equipment, or their employees may not hold the top four offices as President, etc., but may hold office as a Trustee or Sergeant At Arms. (AS MODIFIED)

Dealers handling treasure hunting equipment may hold any office in the club.

The Board makes a copy of the PTHC By-Laws available at each meeting.



This section features stories, tips, finds, requests, and announcements. Email pthc.news@gmail.com if you have something to add.

This month features the 2019 Finds of Jim T., and a new PTHC member.

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Jim T.'s 2019 Finds

Jim T. joined PTHC in 2007, and over the years has found thousands of coins and hundreds of other items. At the 2019 Holiday party, I asked Jim to send in his tally for 2019. He had a prolific year. The table below is a tally of his U.S. coin finds, and to the right his list of other items found.

# of Hunts	Coins	Coins / Hunt
Jan: 7	171	24
Feb: 4	66	17
Mar: 5	59	12
Apr: 7	221	32
May: 11	458	42
Jun: 4	92	23
Jul: 13	771	59
Aug: 2	55	28
Sep: 29	1265	44
Oct: 3	129	43
Nov: 5	224	45
Dec: 8	339	42
98	3850	39

Jim's favorite find of 2019.

16 EAR RING IIII IIII IIII I
 30 KEY IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII
 1 dog TAG I
 15 RING IIII IIII IIII
 39 TOY CAR IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII
 6 ELONGATED IIII
 17 FOREIGN IIII IIII IIII II
 7 PIN IIII II
 2 TAX TOKEN II
 1 SILVER RING I
 1 FISHING SPOON I
 30 1.00 COIN IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII
 1 .50 CENT COIN I
 2 NECKLESS II
 3 940 SHELLS IIII
 1953 WHEAT 27 CHARM IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII II
 1950 " 21 TOKEN IIII IIII IIII IIII
 1942 " 1 BRACLET I
 1945 " 1 FISHING WEIGHT I
 1 TOY BIKE I
 3 TOY TRUCK IIII
 1 TOY FORK I
 1 LOCK I
 1 TOY MAN I
 1 BROACH I
 2 KNIFE II
 1 CALCULATOR I
 1 GAME ITEM I
 1 LIVE 380 I
 1 SILVER BRACLET I
 1 BULLET I



Jim T.

PTHC New Member

Please welcome to the PTHC membership, Scott J!

Scott found our club on the web and came out to January's Second Saturday Hunt to join the club and join in one of our club's premier activities. Introduce yourself to Scott when you see him at the February meeting.

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