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"THE DIRTY DIGGER"



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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Upcoming PTHC Events

- ✓ **February 11th, 2017** (2nd Saturday) - 8:00AM:
Second Saturday Hunt. Meet at Denny's on 128th in South Everett and join the group for this days hunt. *If you are not able to make it to Denny's but want to meet up with the group please call or text David Label at 206-719-3557 the morning of the hunt for this days hunt location.*
- ✓ **February 15th, 2017** (3rd Wednesday) 7:00PM:
Monthly club meeting. Everett Fire Station on Hewitt, doors open at 7PM, meeting starts at 7:30. Bring the special items that you found since the January meeting and enter them in the **Finds Of The Month** competition. Remember, even if you don't have gold and silver or ancient coins, you are encouraged to enter what you have. "Runner ups" will all receive a ticket for the honorable mentioned drawings! The more the merrier, so be sure to show us what you've got!

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- ✓ *We're on the Web! Visit us at:*
<http://pilchucktreasurehunts.org>

Upcoming Events and News - other organizations and clubs

- ✓ **February 18th & 19th, 2017--** **The Washington Prospectors Mining Association** presents the **Gold, Gem and Mineral Show 2017** Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, Washington, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information check out their website: http://www.washingtonprospectors.org/wpma_gold_show.html
- ✓ **March 11, 2017--** **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 or Jim Ratcliff, Sr. at e-mail scouthobby@comcast.net
- ✓ **April 1-2, 2017--** **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. Benefits the Toys for Tots Program. **MDAW** will have a booth and a token hunt. Contact Dennis Peterson pete_n_gwen@comcast.net
- ✓ **May 26-28, 2017--** **Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club's annual Mayfest** - This year's theme is "CASINO ROYALE". This is a wonderful event and a great time to meet your fellow metal detecting enthusiasts from all around the Northwest and British Columbia! **MDAW** will again be sponsoring one of the hunts on Saturday afternoon where all entrance fees go back into the field. **MDAW** put out over 8,000 coins again last year. For further information check out our website. <http://pilchucktreasurehunts.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.

The Metal Detecting Association of Washington (MDAW) is dedicated to preserving and promoting metal detecting in Washington State. Their web site is:

<https://sites.google.com/site/metaldetectwa/home> .

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The areas that are open to metal detecting in Washington State Parks have been changed dramatically. If you plan to metal detect in one of the State Parks, be sure to verify where you are still allowed to hunt with the on-site Ranger or find the updated map on the Parks Department website BEFORE you go out!

MDAW President Ron Sharer and past President Terry Wright have been attending meetings with the Washington State Parks Department, the Director and staff of State Parks and some key State Senators. The subjects of these meetings have been the recent severe restrictions and closures of many of the Washington State Parks to metal detecting. We have recently forwarded (to Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club members that receive this newsletter via email) three emails from MDAW that detail some of these closures plus some recent reports from MDAW regarding the results of these meetings.

For those of you that may not be aware, all active members of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club are automatically members of the Metal Detecting Association of Washington, since PTHC has a club membership in MDAW. You can also join individually for only about \$5 per year membership dues. Please check out the organizations website above for further details. The MDAW can use the support from all of us as they work hard to protect our interests and the interests of metal detecting enthusiasts in Washington State. Please share any ideas you might have or to find out how you can help with Terry Wright at wrightterry2016@gmail.com or Ron Sharer at mach9ron@wavecable.com .

If you are interested in lending a little financial support you can show your colors by buying one of the new MDAW T-shirts. They are on sale now for about \$10.00.

Team Scavenger Hunt --- running from January 18th until May 17th, 2017

This scavenger hunt will be a change from the typical scavenger hunt because it is a team hunt and it will run longer. Also, because the hunt organizer (David L.) really outdid himself in selecting some very challenging and fun items to find. So you had better choose your hunting locations and machine discrimination with care...and have fun!!

Here's the items that you will be looking for:

1. Bi-fold or tri-fold glasses
2. Gold colored ring with a green stone
3. Boy or Girl Scout item
4. Key hoker with 5 or more keys
5. Silver half dollar
6. 3 different nation foreign coins - and "no" Canada coins do not count
7. Gold item stamped higher than 14K
8. Door knob with attached square screw type spindle
9. Metal fishing lure with single hook
10. Toy stamped "Made in England"
11. 2 eyeballed marbles
12. Silver war nickel
13. Steel fishing weight with monofilament still attached
14. Two monopoly pieces
15. Pre - 1970 dog tag
16. Pocket watch complete
17. 1700-1889 US coin
18. State tax token except from Washington
19. Class ring

Team 1: Rob Fish, John Rush, Randy Routsala, Aden Tracy, Walt Edson, Jim Conover, Mike Kirkendall, Mark Jenkins

Team 2: Jim Andrews, Ben Trower, Mel Shawver, Elizabeth Mueller, Pat Stretch, Ron Aldridge, Don Rupe, Dan Sheehan.

Good luck to the two teams!! For further information, questions or clarifications contact David Label, scavenger hunt organizer (email: nwcactus1@frontier.com) .

LAND Finds of the month- January meeting

Oldest US Coin

1. Mark K., 1893-s Dime
2. Tie: Mark J., 1900-s Barber dime
Randy R., 1900-s Barber quarter
3. Ron A., 1901 Indian Head cent
4. Chris T., 1911-V nickel

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Ron A., 1915-s Wheat cent
2. Mark J., 1900 Barber dime
3. Mark K., 1959-d Franklin half dollar
4. Randy R., 1906 Barber dime

Jewelry

1. Mark J., 14K gold ring w/ diamonds
2. Ron A., 14K gold band
3. Jim T., 10K gold charm
4. Tie: Walt E., sterling crucifix
Chris T., silver bracelet

Miscellaneous

1. Mark J., Belt plate with dragon
2. Mark K., 1943 silver Canadian quarter
3. Mike K., Chinese coin
4. Ron A., Dog tag

Toys (Land and Water)

1. Mike K., Metal car
2. Randy R., Sport car
3. Ron A., Soldier
4. Walt E., Ferrari

Eyeball

1. Don R., 1993 Liberty dollar
2. Ron H., Silver half dollar
3. Kaitlin H., Flashlight
4. Chris T., Silver earring

The photos to the right are of Mike Kirkendall's interesting metal toy car (it measures about 6" long) and also a metal piggy bank with the "Peoples National Bank of Washington" label on it. It can be a reminder for those of us who hunt with lots of discrimination we may be missing out on such interesting items that would show up when hunting in "all metal" mode.

WATER Finds of the month January meeting

Oldest US Coin

1. Randy R., 1911 Wheat cent
2. Mark J., 1917 Wheat cent
3. Walt E., 1946 Wheat cent
4. No name. 1965 Quarter

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Mark J. 1928-s Walker half
2. Stan S., best quality quarter
3. Tie for 3rd and 4th: Walt E., Randy R. and Ron A. all found quarters

Jewelry

1. Mark J. , 14k gold ring with diamond
2. Ron A 14k gold ring with diamond
3. Walt E., earring

Miscellaneous

1. Randy R., Token
2. Stan S., brass clothing clip
3. Mark J., cell phone
4. Ron A., Spoon

Ugly Coin (these things are SO UGLY we don't even know what they are!!)

1. Mike K. , ?
2. No name., ?
3. Mark J., ?
4. Chris T., ?

Thank you to the Judges: Randy R. and Mike K.



Coins to Be Found (as of 2/6/2017)

Quarters: American Samoa P / Virgin Island P / Glacier P / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / El Yunque P / Chaco Culture P / Acadia P / Hawaii Volcanoes P / International Peace Memorial P / White Mountain P / Great Sand Dunes Nat. Park P / Great Smokey Mountains Nat. Park P Nebraska: Homestead National Monument P / New York Saratoga National Historical Park P / Shawnee National Forest Site P / Cumberland Gap National Historical Park P / Theodore Roosevelt National Park P & D (the "D" was found by Stan S. on January 10th) / Fort Sumter National Monument Site P & D

New 2017 Quarters:

Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa P and D / Frederick Douglas National Historic Site in the District of Columbia P and D / Ozark National Scenic River ways in Missouri P and D / Ellis Island (Statue Of Liberty National Monument) in New Jersey P and D / George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Indiana P and D

Sacagawea Dollars:

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

Presidential Dollars:

Monroe P / Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / Lincoln P / Buchanan P / Fillmore P / Arthur P & D / G. Cleveland (1885-1889) P & D / William Harrison P / 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 / Richard M Nixon P & D, Gerald Ford P & D and Ronald Reagan P & D

New Presidential 2017 Dollar coins: no further new ones unless a former president of the US dies.

****As soon as you find one of the please [Contact Ron](tel:425-338-3682) at 425-338-3682 or ronhetzel@yahoo.com**
HURRY UP YOU GUYS AND CHECK THE COINS IN YOUR POUCH THAT YOU HAVE FOUND!!**

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