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"THE DIRTY DIGGER"



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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Upcoming PTHC Events and news

September 14, 2019 (2nd Saturday) – 8:00AM: Second Saturday Hunt.

Meet at Denny's on 128th west of Interstate 5, South Everett.

September 18, 2019 (3rd Wednesday) 7:30PM: Monthly club meeting.

Everett Fire Fighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett. Doors open at about 6:45 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM

October 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM: "Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt" at Thornton A. Sullivan Park at Silver Lake Beach (11405 Silver Lake Rd, Everett, WA 98208). Here's the highlights:

- A "Members Only Hunt" the cost is \$10 per member plus "two items" to hide in the sand (no foreign coins please).
- Field planting starts at 9 to 9:30 with the hunt to follow at 10:00
- Sand scoops will be allowed.
- A main course will be provided. Attending members are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share.
- Something new! A group photo is planned that will be submitted to Western Eastern Treasure Magazine.
- The Hunt goes on, rain or shine so consider packing rain gear for you and your machine, and check the weather conditions before heading out.
- Bring a camping chair or two.
- This year's hunt sponsor is Vaughan Douglas. "Thank you Vaughan for taking the lead on this special hunt. We look forward to pitching in to make this a fun and successful event!"

Here's a little bit of the history behind this hunt:

The Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt was named in honor of one of our founding members and his generous bequest to the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club. Like the St. Patricks Day/Spring Hunt, it is a planted hunt with coins and tokens for silver coins, followed by a potluck and socializing.

As our club membership has grown and more hunters have attended this hunt, it was motioned, voted and approved at the August 15, 2018 meeting, that the value of the planted items be increased from \$500 to \$750, so there's plenty of treasure for all!

Upcoming Events other Clubs and Organizations

September 14, 2019, 10:00AM (gates open at 9AM): The **MDAW Membership Picnic 2019** (click for further information and registration form) and **Chuck Swanson Memorial hunt** will be held at **Otto Jarstad Park** 4230 W. Belfair Valley Road Bremerton, WA 98312 (near Gorst) We will have exclusive use from 9-5.. **2019 Sponsors:** [Olympia Rare Coins](#), [Garrett](#), [West Coast Mining Supply](#). Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club has a club membership in the Metal Detecting Association of Washington (MDAW), so all our members automatically belong to the MDAW and can attend all their events and meetings. This is a great event and is your opportunity to show your support for the folks who work so hard to protect and promote the interests and rights of the metal detecting community statewide!

***September 28, 2019** Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters Club annual **By-the-Light-of-the-Silvery-Moon-Hunt** Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA

***October 19-20, 2019** Bedrock Prospector's Gold Show 2019, Puyallup Fairgrounds

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We're on the Web! Visit us at:

www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org

A new "Cookie Cutter Caper" hunt has begun!

Mike Camerer was the successful hunter who unraveled the clues and found the "Cookie cutter" hidden by Jim Thompson. Mike received a Silver dollar and 4 silver dimes for his efforts AND the joy of being the new cookie cutter hider and chief clue giver outer.

Here's the first two clues:

1. I'm hiding in a city that shares the name of the fifth President.
2. Binford 8200

Good Luck and let me know if you find it!

The Spring/Summer 2019 Scavenger Hunt ended at the start of the August 21st club meeting. "THANK YOU" to Mark Kulseth for organizing this fun and challenging scavenger hunt. There were 92 items on the list ranging from the common to the obscure. We had great participation. Here are the top four treasure hunters!

1. Ron Aldridge found 82 items
2. Mike Kirkendall found 81 items
3. Kari DiJulio and Woody Atterberry each found 78 items.

Congratulations to these folks and all those who participated and joined in on the fun.

Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club
Finds of the Month - August 21, 2019

LANDOldest US Coin

1. Ron A., 1869 Shield nickel
2. John Q., 1892 cent
3. Pat S., 1895- cent
4. Mark J., 1896 Barber quarter

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Woody A., 1906-S Barber dime
2. Kari D., 1913-S wheat cent
3. Ron A., 1907-S Barber dime
4. Mike K., 1929 quarter

Jewelry

1. John Q., 18k Ladys gold ring
2. Mike K., 14k gold ring
3. David D., 18k gold ring

Miscellaneous

1. Ron A., 1909 4ype(?)
2. Woody A., Bogart Tavern token
3. Elizabeth M., Medusa
4. John Q., 1886 Haiti centennial

WATER FINDSOldest U.S. Coin

1. Ron A., 1887 Seated quarter
2. Ben T., 1902 Indian cent
3. Mark K., 1908-S Barber
3. Kari D., 1908-Barber

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Ron A., 1894-S Half
2. Mark K., 1942 -- Half
3. Lloyd M., 1959 Quarter
4. Woody A., 1956 Quarter

Jewelry

1. Ron A., . White gold ring
2. Walt E., Platinum ring
3. Woody A., Sterling Silver bracelet
4. Mark J., US Air Force ring

Miscellaneous

1. Woody A., Buckel
2. Mark J., 5-cents trade token
3. Ron A., thimble
4. Mark K., brass lock

LAND OR WATERToys

1. Ron A., 1930's locomotive
2. Mike K., 1927 toy Buick
3. Mark J., Tootsie toy car
4. Mark K., Matchbox toy car

Eyeball

1. Woody A., 14K gold ring
2. Ron A., 1800's glass jar
3. Mark J., 7-UP bottle
4. Mike C., Silver ring

Ugliest coin

1. Ron A., Swiss cheese Canadian quarter
2. Mike K., slightly less ugly Canadian quarter
3. Ben T., ugly cent
4. Pat S., slightly less ugly cent

*Thank you to this month's judges:
Derk Ruotsala and Gerig Anderson*

PTHC "FINDS ONLINE" PHOTO GALLERY LINK"

I have posted some photos that I took of our members displays, usually set out on the tables at the back of the room and some of the "Finds of the Month" entries at the August 21, 2019 PTHC club meeting. To take a look just click on [this link](#) and check them out. There are some pretty impressive items on display! Thanks to all you intrepid treasure hunters who've shared your finds! ---Ray

Special Announcements:

1. Emma Flores has kindly volunteered to record the minutes of the club meetings since Rob Fish stepped down as club Secretary.
2. We need a volunteer to take over making the coffee at the monthly meetings.
3. Thank you to club member volunteers Emma Flores (taking meeting minutes) and Vaughan Douglas (hosting "Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt"). It's member participation like this and the new ideas and approaches they bring that keeps us a great club!
4. 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!

“WHATSIT” STILL NOT IDENTIFIED! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Okay, we've all found something that we just can't seem to figure out what the heck it is. We show it around, look online, ask a few folks then if all that fails we chuck it in the bin with the rest of our mystery items or relegate it to the garbage can. Well here's your chance to tap the collective knowledge of the broader PTHC community. Send me a photo or two of your mystery object along with a description and I will try to put it in this section of a future newsletter. And for all you amateur artifact sleuths who think you have an idea of what the featured object is, please [email](#) or text me (206-930-0903) with whatever thoughts or comments spring to mind. I'll accept pretty much any opinion whether well proven, documented or undocumented, hypothetical or highly questionable and share them at the next meeting or future newsletter.

So, here is the first (still unsolved) item along with a second item (click [here](#) and [here](#) for a larger photo). They were found by PTHC member Randy Routsala. The first appears to be made of brass, and measures about 2 ½ inches by 2 ½ inches. The script is stamped in relief and that's about all we know about it. The second item also seems to be brass/bronze and is a small pot type item on four legs. It measures about 2" in diameter. Sooo, what do you think?



[Pilchuck Treasure Hunt Club meeting minutes 8/21/19 7PM-9PM](#)

- Introduced new members
- Rundown of previous minutes
- **Treasury Report** of \$13,995.99
- **New business** -
- Dry grass is leading to plugs not staying filled. Animals & lawn mowers are pulling the plugs out causing safety hazards. A member pointed out that we did our last 2nd Saturday hunt at a grass park. The day was very rainy so the plugs should hold. However, we would like to look towards beach hunts during the summer. We should set a good example as a club.
- The last 2nd Saturday Hunt was at McCollum Park with 10 soggy, dedicated, people. The days big find was Paul Stokes found a British Pound.
- There is a MDAW Hunt on Sept 14th dedicated to Chuck Swanson. This should be a good event with a picnic. Event location is at Jarstead Park near Bremerton. (**Otto Jarstad Park** 4230 W. Belfair Valley Road Bremerton, WA 98312 (near Gorst) 2 State Quarters listed in the "Coins To Be Found" have been found by Mike Kirkendall.
- Mike Camerer found the cookie cutter in 4 clues. He won 4 silver dimes (one per clue) & silver dollar. He's rehidden the cookie cutter & added the clubs card & phone number. Two clues have been given for the new location:
 1. *Hiding in a city that shares a name with the 5th president.*
 2. *Binford 8200*
- Vaughan Douglas has volunteered to run the Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt. Oct. 5th was the date picked by tie breaker. Any volunteers should get with Vaughan. Hunt is named for Frank Lupien, a founding club member. This usually has a nominal fee, is for members only, & has coins and tokens for silver prizes planted in the sand.
- We had our 1st drawing, went through the finds of the month & had our 2nd chance drawing.
- Scavenger Hunt winners were announced - Ron Aldridge won 1st place with 82 finds; he won a silver dollar.
- Attendance drawings & candy guesses were held & our last ticket drawing.
- No other topics were brought up before the meeting was adjourned.

Coins to be found (08/21/19)

Quarters from previous years:

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 / Frederick Douglas National Historic Site in the District of Columbia P

New 2018 Quarters:

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore P / Voyageurs National Park P / Cumberland Island National Seashore P & D (found by Mike Kirkendall) / Block Island National Wildlife Refuge P & D (found by Mike Kirkendall)

Sacagawea Dollars:

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

*no further new ones unless a former president of the US dies.

Rules: Coins must be found using a metal detector.

Please call or text Ray Desy at 206-930-0903 or email at raymond4982@gmail.com if you find one of these and claim your prize at the next monthly meeting!

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