

June/July 2019

# "THE DIRTY DIGGER"



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

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### Upcoming PTHC Events and news

**\*\*Reminder\*\*** PTHC DOES NOT hold a monthly meeting nor a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Hunt in the month of July. We all take a break and go out and do more detecting! Our regular schedule begins again in August so there are sure to be lots of great finds to show off at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. See you there!

**August 10th, 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) – 8:00AM: Second Saturday Hunt.** Meet at Denny's on 128<sup>th</sup> west of Interstate 5, South Everett.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**August 21, 2019: Spring/Summer 2019 Scavenger Hunt ENDS at the start of the club meeting**, so bring the tally of those items you have found on the list and see if you can score some silver! Don't bring the items, just the list with how many you found. Mark Kulseth has organized this fun and challenging scavenger hunt. This time there are 92 items! It's never too late to join in so see the March newsletter (or [click here](#)) for a list of items to be found and the rules. Good luck and happy hunting! .

### Upcoming Events other Clubs and Organizations

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Cascade Silver Shoot in Renton, WA.** . This is a one-day, really fun planted hunt with an amazing amount of very nice prizes, including many metal detectors, lots of silver, gold and other great rewards. Since PTHC "Mayfest" will not be held this year the Cascade Club extends a special invitation to our members to come and join in on the fun! For more information click this link:  
<http://www.cascadetreasureclub.com/fliers/SilverShoot2019.pdf>

\* **August 3, 2019 Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club's Annual Lenny Phay Memorial Hunt - Reber Ranch in Kent, WA**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundtreasurehunters/home>

\* **August 23-25, 2019 Miner's Rally** Liberty, WA  
<http://www.resourcescoalition.org/2019PNWFLYER.pdf>

\* **September 6 & 7, 2019 Treasures in the Sand** in Penticton, BC website is [www.othc.info](http://www.othc.info) and our email address is [okanagantreasurehuntersclub@gmail.com](mailto:okanagantreasurehuntersclub@gmail.com)

\* **September 28, 2019 Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters Club annual By-the-Light-of-the-Silvery-Moon-Hunt**

\* **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](http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org)

### "Cookie Cutter Caper" hunt has been found!

PTHC club member Jim Thompson announced the final clue and location of the "Cookie Cutter Caper as Ridgecrest Park, baseball area in Shoreline. He stated that the bulldozers are fast approaching to clear the right of way for the Sound Transit light rail line, so someone better get out there and rescue cookie cutter man before it's too late. He has since received a text with a photo from the successful hunter. So stay tuned for an announcement of who found it and new clues of where to begin your search to find it when it is hidden again!

### Welcome New Members!

✚ Paul Stokes

✚ Benny, Vincent & Emma Flores

We look forward to having you join us and to see all the great finds you discover. Welcome!

Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club  
Finds of the Month - June 19, 2019

LANDOldest US Coin

1. Elizabeth M., 18?? Large cent
2. Pat S., 1876 Half dollar
3. Mike K., 1878- Seated dime
4. Lloyd M., 1887 Indian head cent

Most Valuable US Coin

1. John Q., 1903-S Barber dime
2. Lloyd M., 1907-S Barber dime
3. Walt B., 1913-S Cent
4. Mark K., 1944 Walker Half

Jewelry

1. Roy B., 14k White gold ring
2. Mike K., 10k gold ring
3. David L., .925 silver bracelet
4. Mark K., 14k gold ring

Miscellaneous

1. Woody A., 1936 dog license
2. Benny Flores., Axe head in encrustacion
3. Elizabeth M., 1914 Mayor of Seattle token
4. John Q., Old angel pin

WATER FINDSOldest U.S. Coin

1. Ron A., 188? "V" nickel
2. Woody A., 1940 Half
3. Randy R., 1927-S dime
4. Walt E., 1942-D cent

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Walt E., 1917 Quarter
2. Woody A., 1940 Half
3. Ron A., 1945 Quarter
4. Randy R., 1946 dime

Jewelry

1. Ron A., .14K gold ring
2. Randy R., 10K gold ring
3. Walt E., Sterling Silver ring
4. Woody A., Silver ting

Miscellaneous

1. Woody A., Sterling half crown
2. Lloyd M., Kids sheriff badge
3. Randy R., "Whats-it" tiny metal pot
4. Ron A., 1858-1901 Canadian large penny

LAND OR WATERToys

1. Ron A., 1938 cap gun
2. Mike K., cast iron toy gun
3. Mark K., Old car body
4. John Q., Toy gun (ca. 1930)

Eyeball

1. Mike K., His "Great Uncle's" Old wallet with silver coings
2. Matt H., 1894-1893 Counterfeit Silver
3. Don R., bracelet
4. Walt E., vintage marbles

Ugliest coin

1. Jim C., cent
2. Mike K., quarter
3. Ron A., cent/dime?
4. Randy R., Token 1892

*Thank you to this month's judges:  
Bud Hall and ?*

## 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 May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 PTHC club meetings. 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:

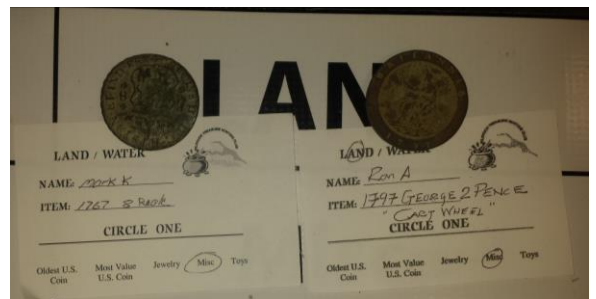
1. Rob Fish has stepped down as club Secretary. We shall miss his uniquely humorous style of recording the meeting minutes.
2. We need a volunteer to take over making the coffee at the monthly meetings.
3. Congratulations to Derek Routsala on his recent graduation from Mariner High and to Elizabeth on her recent marriage. Best wishes to bright futures!
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”

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 that 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?



Here's [some great historical](#) finds shown at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting! (Left to right) Mark Kulseth's trip to Connecticut produced one half of a Revolutionary War era Navel belt buckle, a Colonial era shoe buckle (like you see on the pilgrims shoes!), and a 1767 "8 Reale", like the pirates treasure "pieces of eight". What great finds! On the far right is a great find by Ron Aldridge, a 1797 King George III, 2 pence "cartwheel" coin. For a closer look at these and other photos from the May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> meetings [click here](#).



At the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, long time club member Bud Hall announced that he had recently found a 2015 year High School class ring (shown on the left) while detecting in a Perham, Minnesota park. He "Googled" the name on the ring and after a little detective work made contact with the owner. The owner was delighted and grateful and Bud told him he would return it after he showed it off to the membership at this meeting. This is the second class ring Bud has returned in the last couple years! The ring and owner have since been reunited. Thanks for being a great ambassador of some of the best values of our hobby, Bud!!

## Coins to be found (06/19/19)

**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 / Block Island National Wildlife Refuge P & D

**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 & ~~D~~(Found by Lloyd Marquardt) / 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 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](mailto:raymond4982@gmail.com) if you find one of these and claim your prize at the next monthly meeting!*

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