

Newsletter of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club

**THE  
DIRTY  
DIGGER**

DECEMBER 2019

**2019 PTHC Christmas Holiday  
Meeting & Potluck**

**December 18, 2019**

The festivities start at 6:30PM, *one hour earlier than usual*. Read more about it on page 3.

**Spouses, children, & friends welcome!**

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# Events

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## PTHC Events > December, January, February

DATE	TIME	EVENT	INFO
12/14/2019	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
12/18/2019	6:30PM	2019 Christmas Holiday Meeting & Potluck	Firefighter's Hall on Hewitt Ave at Everett. Doors open 5:30pm.
01/11/2020	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
01/15/2020	7:30PM	January 2020 Meeting	Members Participation, visitors welcome
02/08/2020	8-12	Second Saturday	Members only
02/19/2020	7:30PM	February 2020 Meeting	Members participation, visitors welcome

## Other Clubs & Orgs

DATE	TIME	EVENT	INFO
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>

## Second Saturday: November 09, 2019

After the morning breakfast at Denny's, 17 PTHC members drove carefully and judiciously to **Laurelhurt Park** at Seattle, WA, not too far from the UW. The Items-to-Find List included:

- jewelry
- foreign coin
- clothing attachment
- new nickel
- dog jewelry
- make-up case



goodness knows this newletter needs it.] We had to wait until the November meeting to hear Dave's reveal: Kari D's gold ring won the FotD. 14k gold ring weighing in at 10 grams. Yousa!

Each of the participants received **2 gold-en dollars** at the November meeting - just for coming out and doing our favorite hobby! Those that found items from the list also won a prize for each item found.

At noon, we all met at the designated meeting point and, oh!, the controversy and scuffling that ensued as members mightily struggled to determine the celebrated **Find of the Day**. Is it Dave A.'s gold ring? Is it Kari D.'s ring that could be gold? Or is it a brass bushing? Dave L. jumped atop his car and pleaded for calm and pledged to test both for gold content. [No, Dave didn't do that. But it makes for good copy;

December's Second Saturday hunt takes place on Saturday, December 14th. 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

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## PTHC Christmas Party

Put this event in your calendar, now! The **PTHC Christmas Party** ranks as one of the top PTHC events of the year. It's a festive way to wind down 2019, celebrate the spirit of the holiday, and have some fun with your fellow club members.

After a quick club meeting, we'll leap right into the party. Doors open around 5:30 to give you plenty of time to set up your dish before the potluck begins at 6:30PM, and to display your personal "Best Finds Of the Year" for the **big contest**.

In case you didn't know, we don't only give you a chance to win free cash money from PTHC with the "Candy Guess" contest at the monthly meetings; we're tracking your attendance! Top Level Espionage, is what that is. For those with perfect attendance, we know who you are, and you are entered in a drawing for a **1 ounce Silver Round**. Not a bad deal, even if you never did guess the correct number of sweet treats in the jar! The one catch...you must be present at the Holiday Party to win.

Now let's talk food - it is a Christmas party, after all. We do this potluck dinner style. Members are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share. Anything you deem worthy is accepted. Entree, side, non-alcoholic beverage, holiday treat, all sound good to us! The PTHC Board will provide a lasagna for a main dish, and supply implements with which to dine; we're not animals.

### Best Finds Of The Year

Make sure you go through all your finds from this year and dig up your 5 personal "Best Finds Of The Year". And don't disqualify yourself just because the 45 hunts

speaking from personal experience, here). Just pick up to your 5 favorite items and enter them in the contest. Photos of the items are acceptable.

The entries will be judged by all of those who come to the meeting. And here's your PTHC Holiday Bonus: ALL entrants will win something!

Oh, but, wait. There's more. The party also features the ever-popular **"Dice in the Pie Pan"** game. If you want to play, please bring an unwrapped gift (so we can all see what it is) worth approximately \$10 to \$20. In past years, some members have showed off some imagination with their gift item choice, so be creative and have fun with this! Participants in the game get to swap, trade, snag, and roll the dice for the gift they want the most. It is a light-hearted and rollicking good time!

### Food Drive

In the spirit of the holidays, please bring non-perishable food items for our Food Drive. Dave L. will take every item we collect to donate to a local food bank. Let's help spread Grace and Generosity to our community and help those less fortunate with something so basic and necessary.

We will not have our regular meeting staples: "Candy Guess", "Silver Dollar Raffle", "Coin Raffles", or "Finds of the Month" at this meeting. Those will resume at the January 15, 2020 monthly meeting (the January Finds of the Month will be for items found 11/20/2019 9:00pm to 01/15/2020 7:30pm).

Something to note: If the Everett Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, this meeting will also be cancelled.

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Email [pthc.news@gmail.com](mailto:pthc.news@gmail.com) if you find one of these and claim your prize at the next regular 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 November 2019

None found.

## 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. put together an outstanding scavenger hunt. This one features 105 unique items to find between September 18, 2019 and January 15, 2020.

Thanks,  
Mark!

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. Ron A. has volunteered to pick this up in January 2020.

# Finds of the Month.....November 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 November 2019.

## NOTE

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

**JUDGES**  
John Q.  
Woody A.

## LAND

### OLDEST U.S. COIN

1. 1807 draped bust cent - Ron A.
2. 1883 Indian Head cent - John Q.
3. 1889 Indian Head cent - Elizabeth M.
4. 1897 Indian Head cent - Mike C.

### MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN

1. 1877-CC seated dime - Ron A.
2. 1831 caped-bust dime - Elizabeth M.
3. 1910-S Barber dime - John Q.
4. 1962-D Franklin half - Mike C.

## JEWELRY

1. 14k gold ring - Kari D.
2. .925 silver ring with stone - Ron A.
3. Sterling silver signet ring - Randy R.
4. .925 silver ring - Lloyd M.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. 1802 "2 Reale" - Ron A.
2. .935 silver pocket watch - Woody A.
3. 1786 Connecticut copper - Elizabeth M.
4. 5-cent trade token for Owl Café, Ballard - John Q.

## WATER

### OLDEST U.S. COIN

1. 1920-S wheatie - Randy R.
2. 1965 quarter - Lloyd M.
3. 1969 cent - Walt E.

### MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN

1. 1943 quarter - Lloyd M.
2. Tie:
  - a. 2005 quarter - Randy R.
  - b. 2006 quarter - Walt E.
3. 2017 cent - Vaughan D.

## JEWELRY

1. Sterling ring - Randy R.
2. .925 earring - Lloyd M.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Eureka Fire badge - Ron A.
2. Back of clock - Walt E.
3. 1918 Canadian cent - Randy R.



## LAND or WATER

### EYEBALL

1. 10k gold and pearl earring - Elizabeth M.
2. Mushroom knife - Jim T.
3. \$5 bill - Mike K.
4. Toy gun - Dave L.

### UGLIEST COIN

1. 1905 Barber quarter - John Q.
2. 1948 "shot" dime - Elizabeth M.
3. Curled cent - Woody A.
4. 1976 half dollar - Mike C.

## TOYS

1. Tootsie Toy truck - Woody A.
2. Metal doll shoes - Ron A.
3. Red Jeep - Dave L.
4. Tank turret - Elizabeth M.



.935 silver pocket watch

## 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. With the discovery comes the honor of planting the cookie cutter and providing clues. She delegated that to me.

These are the first clues:

- 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.



# Board News

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## The Election of Officers

The PTHC membership voted for the Board seats at the November 2019 meeting. The results have all current Board members remaining in current positions: Dave L. as President, Randy R. as Vice President, Ray D. as Treasurer, Emma F. as Secretary (acting), and Ben T. as Sergeant-at-Arms. No decision was made regarding the elimination of the Trustee position.

Additional club roles were either filled or remained vacant. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact a member of the PTHC Board.

**Hunt Chairman:** Dave L. will fill this role for the time being.

**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.

**2020 club dues for annual memberships is due 1/1/2020.**

## Membership Dues

Being current 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 December club meeting on December 18th, 2019.

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



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# This Month's By-Law

This column features one or two PTHC By-Laws.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP & DUES

#### Section 1.

Any person interested in treasure hunting, relics, and artifacts may be eligible for membership by application, and payment of proper dues.

**(a)** Active membership shall be confined to persons 16 years of age or older, and who are active in the functioning and work of the club. They must be in good standing in the club for a period of six months before being eligible to serve as an officer. Dues shall be \$25.00 paid annually.

**(b)** Young Adult members ages 12 thru 15 shall not hold office, but may serve on committees if appointed. Membership cards will be issued.

**(c)** Junior membership may be granted to persons 11 years of age or younger. Junior members shall not hold office or vote, but may have a voice at meetings.

**(d)** An Annual Family Membership shall be available to a husband and wife or single parent and will include their dependent children under the age of 16 years. Dues shall be \$30.00 paid annually.

**(e)** An Individual Lifetime Membership shall be an available choice at a one-time fee of \$200.00. This membership once paid is good for the lifetime of the member.

**(f)** A Senior's Lifetime Membership shall be an available choice for members 65 years of age or older for a one-time fee of \$60. This membership once paid is good for the lifetime of the senior member. Additionally, The Senior member's spouse may join the club by choosing one of the following options: By paying a \$5.00 per year membership fee or by paying a one-time fee for a Lifetime Membership as follows: If the spouse is 60 years or older the one-time fee is \$25.00, or if the spouse is 50 years or older and not yet 60 years of age, a fee of \$50.00

**(g)** In addition to the above, a grandchild 14 years or under may be included in the PTHC membership by the grandparent paying a yearly fee of \$5.00.

**(h)** Any minor 14 years old or younger may join the PTHC for a yearly fee of \$5.00. This is subject to his/her legal guardian(s) approval.

#### Section 2.

Dues shall be due January 1st. New member's dues will be prorated beginning April 1st on a quarterly basis.

#### Section 3.

The application fee (a one-time fee) shall be \$5.00 per immediate family for new members.

#### Section 4.

Deleted by membership vote November 10, 1982.

#### Section 5.

Termination of membership shall occur after the Treasurer has notified members one month in arrears and those whose dues are not paid within one month thereafter, shall automatically forfeit membership. Executive Board consideration may be made if there are circumstances deserving merit.

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



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

**This month features a club survey**

I started metal detecting in 2016 and joined PTHC as a member in May 2018. The hobby's been great and I'm so glad I finally got into it, despite not having found nearly the treasure I used to dream of finding as a kid. OK: I've found no treasure. Now you know my shameful level of failure.

Some of you have already shared knowledge and tips about how to improve my detecting skills, and I'm grateful. Nothing beats getting out in the field and detecting and digging and getting to know your machine. Even so, I thought that this month I'd ask the PTHC membership to impart some wisdom to all of us. If you want to share your knowledge (to be included in January's newsletter), please email your answers to the questions below to pthc.news@gmail.com.

Not asking for you to reveal where you found your gold here. Instead, asking for you to share some of those nuances you may have learned over the years.

**What is your top tip you would give a new metal detectorist?**

**What's your best source to research potential detecting sites?**

**Do you have a strategy for asking a landowner for permission?**

Have a metal detecting question? Send it in to pthc.news@gmail.com and I'll print in the next newsletter.



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# Contact Info

## PTHC Board Members

For now, email all inquiries to pthc.news@gmail.com

- President** > Dave Label
- Vice-President** > Randy Rouslata
- Treasurer** > Ray Desy
- Secretary** > Emma Flores (acting)
- Sergeant-at-Arms** > Ben Trower

## Committee Chairs

- Newsletter Editor** > Vaughan Douglas > pthc.news@gmail.com
- Hunt Chairman** > Dave Label (acting)
- Hospitality Chairman** > vacant
- Official Club Greeter** > vacant

## PTHC Web Site

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

## Washington State Parks

### FREE DAY!

Friday, November 29 (Autumn Free Day)

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



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