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"THE DIRTY DIGGER"



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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Upcoming PTHC Events and news

March 9th, 2019 (2nd Saturday) – 8:00AM: Second Saturday Hunt.
Meet at Denny's on 128th west of Interstate 5, South Everett.

March 20th, 2019 (3rd Wednesday) 7:30PM: Monthly club meeting.
Everett Fire Fighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett. Doors open at 6:45 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM

April 27th, 2019 (Saturday) 9:00AM- 12PM: PTHC "ANNUAL SPRING HUNT" - at Thornton A. Sullivan Park at Silver Lake. **Members only hunt.**
Cost to join in this fun event is \$10 plus two items to plant and your favorite dish to share at the potluck following the hunt! Field planting starts at 9:00AM, Hunt begins at 10:00AM. Due to the popularity of this hunt the value of the coins being planted was raised from \$500 to \$750, so there's plenty of treasure for all! Sand scoops are allowed. David Label is hunt Chairman!

February 20 through August 21, 2019: Spring/Summer 2019 Scavenger Hunt. Mark Kulseth has done it again and launched another fun and challenging scavenger hunt. The last scavenger hunt had 60 items in it and the talented and tenacious winners found 46 to 50 of them, so Mark has upped the game. This time there are 92 items, so let's see what you folks can do with that. Good luck and happy hunting! See page 5 for a complete list of items to be found and rules.

Your 2019 PTHC CLUB DUES ARE DUE!!

Your yearly Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club membership dues are due January 1st, 2019. You may pay them at the March 20th, 2019 meeting if you will attend. If you won't be able to make it to the meeting please contact Lora Hetzel at lorahetzel@yahoo.com for information on where to mail them. Information on dues amounts are posted on the club website at: <http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/>. PTHC dues remain one of the best entertainment and hobby values around and we look forward to having so many great folks who share our interests in metal detecting for treasures.

IMPORTANT "MAYFEST" ANNOUNCEMENT:

It was announced at the February 20, 2018 club meeting that, after 37 years of hosting successful annual events, **MayFest for 2019 has been cancelled.** We simply cannot afford the substantial rental increases at the Stanwood Camano Island Community Fairgrounds. We are in need of a new venue and also in need of a person or persons to assume the MayFest Chairmanship position. This can be one or more of our club members who wish to play a vital role in guiding our clubs signature annual event. This is a perfect time to present your ideas and enthusiasm and to shape this and future MayFest events. Thank you to everyone who has attended this event in the past. *And a special thank you and our clubs heartfelt gratitude go to Lora Hetzel and Ron Hetzel and all the PTHC members who have contributed so much of their time and energy to make this such a successful event over the last 37 years!*

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www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org

"Cookie Cutter Hunt" replaces "Steve's Stash"

PTHC club member Jim Thompson has kicked off a new clue driven hunt to replace the missing "Steve's Stash". Jim has hidden a cookie cutter in a secret location and here is the first clue to it's whereabouts:

Clue #1: "Shoreline, no boats, no seagulls. On 2nd Saturday Hunt we went to Seaview Park. I'm east of there. Barn."

Well that should get you off to a good start! Oh, and here is an artist's rendering of the suspect stash (*kinda looks like a crime scene of the cookie cutter murder, though Jim!*) If you find it, claim it and stash it somewhere else and start giving us some clever clues! Thank you Jim for the fun hunt!



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club
Finds of the Month - February 2019

LANDOldest US Coin

1. Woody A., 1879 "Carson City" Silver Dollar
2. Lloyd M., 1895 Indian head cent
3. Richard., 1896 Indian head cent
4. Ron A., 1898 Indian head cent

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Woody A., 1879-S Morgan Silver Dollar "THE key date"
2. Ron A., 1917-S Standing Liberty
3. Richard., 1913-S wheat cent
4. Mark K., 1910-S wheat cent

Jewelry

1. Mark J., 10k White gold ring
2. Mike K., 14k gold ring
3. Ron A., Sterling cub scout ring
4. Elizabeth M., Sterling ring

Miscellaneous

1. Mike K., 1898 Canadian ten cent
2. Ron A., Sterling spoon
3. Kari D., Sterling T cup

WATEROldest US Coin

1. Ron A., 1999 Clad quarter
2. Walt E., 1929-S wheat cent
3. Randy R., 1944 wheat cent
- 3 (tie). Mark J., 1944 wheat cent

Most Valuable US Coin

1. Ron A., 1911-S Barber quarter
2. Elizabeth M., 1937-S wheat cent
4. Walt E., 1984 quarter

Jewelry

1. Woody A., Sterling bracelet
2. Randy R., Turtle Pin
3. Ron A., .925 ring
4. Elizabeth M., Sterling ring

Miscellaneous

1. Ron A., SPD Junior safety badge
2. Mark J., 3 ring bullet
3. Elizabeth M., Seattle bus token
4. Walt E. Lock

LAND OR WATERToys

1. Ron A., Cap gun
2. Mark J., Toilet
3. Elizabeth M., cast toy car
4. Woody A., Tootsie toy truck

Eyeball

1. Mark J., Diver's light
2. Mike K., whisky bottle
3. Ray D., old double bit axe head
4. Ron A., shark bottle opener

Ugliest coin

1. Ron A., Canadian 25 cent
2. Randy R., cent
3. Jim T., cent
4. Woody A., 5 cent

Thank you to this month's judges:
Ron Aldridge and Bob Blakely

PTHC "FINDS ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY AND NEWS LINKS"

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 February 20, 2019 PTHC club meeting.

Just click on the link below to take a look. There's some pretty impressive finds on display!

Thanks,---Ray

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/A6zkLPMnMhcYk9FY7>

Raise your metal detector and give a salute to

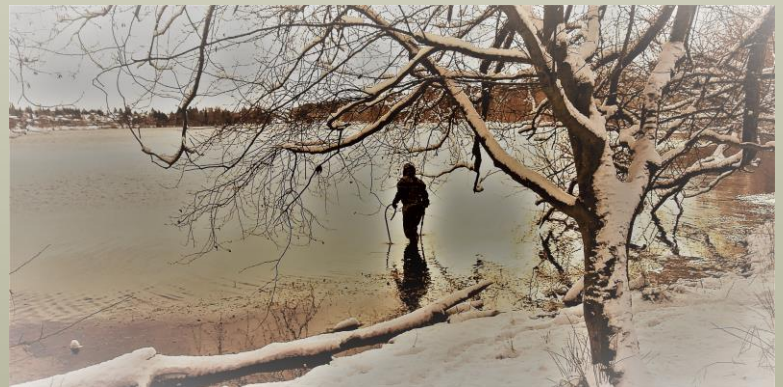
PTHC members Chris Taylor, John Quinn and Lloyd Marquardt

for representing some of the best of our detecting community! While metal detecting at Green Lake they were approached and asked if they could help find a lost wedding ring. They not only responded immediately but also returned the following day to search every inch of the client's yard. The following article appeared in the section titled "Rant and Rave", January 20, 2019 Seattle Times. Way to go Guys!

"RAVE To the guys who hunt at Green Lake Park with metal detectors who volunteered to search our garden for my wife's missing wedding ring. Five volunteers came and searched every inch of our property. They didn't find the ring but their efforts produced something as valuable; a wonderful reminder that people are generally really awesome. Many thanks, guys, and I hope next time you're at Green Lake you find 10 pounds of solid gold."

Here's a link to the article:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/life/lifestyle/rant-rave-63/>



Earlier in the month I had asked for some wintery or snow detecting photos from our members and here's a few that were sent to me in response! Thank you for sharing them!!

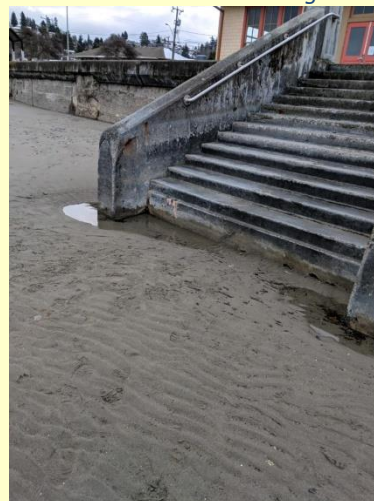
"Neither rain nor snow nor freezing cold..." can stop these intrepid detectorists from their treasure hunting! When the February 9th, "Second Saturday Hunt" was cancelled for the first time in recent memory, PTHC members **Randy** and **Kathy Ruotsala** headed out to one of the few places that wasn't frozen solid, Green Lake, for a little water hunting. They got some pretty odd looks from passersby and a tax token, clad change and a great time on a beautiful day for their tenacity!



Meanwhile fellow club member **Elizabeth Mueller** caught the concerned attention of a passerby who asked if she was "alright". She said, "Sure, why?" The gentleman said she looked like she had just tumbled down the bank! When she got back to her car and looked in the mirror she found out why the concern. Although muddy and a bit cold, she did get a smashed sterling silver salt cellar for her snow hunting efforts!



"The ever shifting sands" can provide some amazing detecting opportunities for those hearty enough to brave the howling winds of winter! And **Mark Jenkins** is someone who knows that these can be the winds of opportunity. In the photos below, Mark shows just how much the storms and winter tides can move the beach sands around. Look closely at the photo showing the concrete stairs. You can see the color change on the concrete that indicates where the higher level of the sand often is. That's about a 3 plus foot change from where the sand is now. That beach movement gives you the chance to detect and find treasure at levels you could never reach otherwise. But, you'd better hurry, the sands are already creeping their way back in and burying their secret treasures once again. Thanks Mark for the great tip!



Wow! What a month for “Morgans”! PTHC club member Woody Atterberry had an amazing February detecting and is now considering retiring after these once in a lifetime finds. Early in the month while detecting he got some strong, but “iffy/junky” signals and decided “what the heck, I might as well dig another piece of trash to add to my overflowing finds bag.” Well it wasn’t exactly trash and you can only imagine the excitement when he began to see the shape of a coin appear and his heart started to pound “....could it be?!...oh, it’s not...well wait, yes it is silver looking.” And then there it was, his first Silver Dollar of the year and a good one at that, an “1879-CC (Carson City mint) Morgan”. Here is a brief description courtesy of <http://morgandollars.net/1879-cc-morgan-dollar/> : ***“Despite a mintage of 756,000 pieces, the 1879-CC Morgan Dollar ranks as the second scarcest of the Carson City issues. As is the case for other coins in the series, the mintage is only part of the determining factor of the ultimate rarity. Much of the mintage for the 1879-CC was presumably melted before ever being released. The GSA hoard, which provides ample supply for other Carson City issues, contained only 4,123 examples or about half a percent of the original mintage.”***

And here’s a couple photos that Woody took!:



Well if that wasn’t excitement enough, later in the month he had a premonition that “today I’m going to go and find another silver dollar...I just feel it.” And find one he did.... Only this one was even more spectacular and this one sent him into the stratosphere....the rarest of them all “THE key date Morgan, an 1893-S Morgan Silver Dollar”. Again, here is a brief description courtesy of <http://morgandollars.net/1893-s-morgan-dollar/> ***“The 1893-S Morgan Dollar is recognized as the absolute key date of the series and is demand at all grade levels. The coin has the lowest mintage for a circulation strike of the series with just 100,000 minted. Unlike many other dates of the series, no hoards have ever appeared on the market, and it seems highly unlikely that any ever will.”***

Here’s a couple of photos. They’re a little tougher to see because the coin hasn’t been cleaned and is awaiting next steps and maybe a visit to a grading service. ***Congratulations on two amazing finds Woody!***



P.S.: For further fascinating information on these coins click on the hyper-links printed in blue color above!



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club Winter/Spring/Summer 2019 Scavenger Hunt.

Begins February 20th / Ends August 21st

Items may be found with a metal detector, water scoop or eyeball. Top 3 point winners receive silver prizes as well as all participants. Any questions please call or email Mark Kulseth at 206-730-2694 or mkulseth@gmail.com

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| 1. Tire Weight | 24. Grommet | 47. Metal Button other | 70. Beaver Tail |
| 2. Glasses | 25. Silver US Half | 48. Compact | 71. Cap Gun |
| 3. Cell Phone | 26. War Nickel | 49. Pencil Eraser | 72. Utensil |
| 4. Two keys on ring | 27. Axe Head | 50. Light Bulb Base | 73. Tootsie Toy |
| 5. Bullet Casing | 28. Safety Pin | 51. Silver Wa. Qtr | 74. Pre 1800's copper |
| 6. Lead Toy | 29. Fishing Weight | 52. Golf Ball | 75. Foreign Silver Coin |
| 7. Lighter | 30. Scout Tie Slide | 53. 1964 Nickel | 76. Silver Ring w/stone |
| 8. Square Nail | 31. Bobby Pin | 54. Pocket Watch | 77. 1944 Wheat |
| 9. Colored Pull Tab | 32. Merc. Pre 1920 | 55. "V" Nickel | 78. Wa St. Tax Token |
| 10. Marble | 33. Standing Lib Qtr | 56. Transit Token | 79. US Silver \$ |
| 11. Military Button | 34. Indian Cent | 57. Horse Shoe | 80. Any Half Dime |
| 12. 1964 Lincoln Cent | 35. Pre 1920 Wheat | 58. Barber Dime | 81. US Lrg Cent |
| 13. Junk Ring | 36. Shotgun Shell | 59. Pre 1900 US Silver | 82. US 3 Cent Coin |
| 14. Mexican Coin | 37. Matchbox Toy | 60. Barber Quarter | 83. Hot Wheels Car |
| 15. Foreign Coin Other | 38. Pet License/Tag | 61. Railroad Spike | 84. Any Earring |
| 16. Live Bullet Round | 39. Pocket Knife | 62. 1950's Rosie | 85. 1964 Rosie |
| 17. Good for Token | 40. Sacagawea \$ | 63. US Gold Coin | 86. 1958 Wheat |
| 18. Clad Kennedy Half | 41. Merc. 1930's | 64. 14K Gold Ring | 87. Merc. 1940's |
| 19. Lipstick Tube | 42. Canadian Lrg Cent | 65. Gold Ring w/Diamond | 88. Fishing Lure |
| 20. Padlock | 43. 1940's Rosie | 66. Silver Ring | 89. Bottle Cap |
| 21. AAA Battery | 44. US Seated Coin | 67. Any Platinum Jewelry | 90. Hose Nozzle |
| 22. Wrist Watch | 45. Buff. Nickel w/date | 68. Any Necklace | 91. Copper Fitting |
| 23. Skeleton Key | 46. Game Token | 69. 1930's Wheat | 92. Screw Cap |

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Coins to be found (02/20/19)

Quarters from previous years:

American Samoa P / Virgin Island P / ~~Glacier P~~(found Woody A.) / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / ~~Chaco Culture P~~(found Woody A) / 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*:

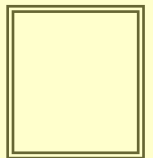
Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / ~~Fillmore P~~ (found Pat Stretch) / Arthur P & D / G. Cleveland P & D / Grover Cleveland P & D / Woodrow Wilson P & D / William H Taft P & D / Theodore Roosevelt P & D / Wm McKinley P & D / Warren Harding P & D / Calvin Coolidge P & D / Herbert Hoover P & D / Franklin 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.

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