



# OKANAGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB NEWSLETTER - JULY 2017

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.  
Club House at Pines Mobile Home Park  
98 Okanagan Ave. East, Penticton, BC



## Club Hunt in Rutland

It was a gorgeous sunny morning in Rutland where close to a dozen members met to give the soccer field a try with their detectors. The group decided that as there may be some concern by the Parks Board, they would only use their screwdriver for retrieving a signal.



Three rings were found today by our members: Syd found a silver ring with 2 stones. Rob found a thin silver ring and Ray got a lovely gold band ring.

## Hip Hip Hooray!

Three cheers for Ken Dewerson. He received a telephone call of distress from a young lad who had lost his gold wedding ring in the lake. The family had searched and searched, however to no avail.

Fortunately, the uncle (Charlie), was able to locate Ken's contact info on a website. It was difficult to pinpoint the exact location, however they were close, and within 30 minutes Ken had the ring in his scoop, much to the delight of all the onlookers. It was hugs & kisses from the family and a big smile from Charlie and his wife.



Way to go Ken!

# Finds of the Month - July 2017 Meeting

Coin

Jewellery

Miscellaneous

1st



1745 Dutch Coin  
Ken Dewerson

W/Gold Ring-22 diamonds  
Wilai Omand

Padlock  
Christian Noel

2nd



1883 Vicky 5 Cents  
Paul Snider

10K School Ring  
Paul Snider

1946 Navy Legion Token  
Brett Johnson

3rd



1942 Merc Coin  
Brett Johnson

14K W/Gold Anklet-diamonds  
Samantha Tarbet

Super Bowl Token  
Syd Birch

## Find of the Month Standings as of July 18th, 2017

Paul Snider	44	Chris Bilocerkowec	9	Michael MacKenzie	4	Nick Carter	2
Brett Johnson	37	Christian Noel	7	Jim Tennant	3	Lek Bosuwan	2
Samantha Tarbet	23	Ray Matzick	6	Maretta Saulnier	3	Annette Estey	2
Syd Birch	20	Hank Vodarek	6	Gordon Schneider	3	Phil Williams	1
Carole Snider	15	Bob Omand	6	Maggie St-Hillaire	3	Bob Hollingsworth	1
Rob Blackie	15	Dianne McKeown	5	Don Collins	3		
Ken Dewerson	13	Robert Ames	5	Karen MacKenzie	2		

June 2017

SILVER HALVES WINNERS!



Samantha T.	Phil W.	Karen McK.
Chris B.	Robert A.	Annette E.
Christian N.	Carole S.	Carole S.
Wilai O.	Wilai O.	Diane McK.



Do you have a detector or accessories you wish to sell?  
Send Jim the details and your ad will appear in our next newsletter.  
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Jacques St-H.	Marv H.	Marv H.
Maggie St-H.	Brett J.	Hank V.
Syd B.	Bob O.	Bonnie N.
Michael McK.	Robert A.	

## **Club Coin Hunt - July/August 2017**

Part of the excitement of treasure hunting in the Okanagan, or anywhere for that matter, is the history we learn not only by investigating potential sites to explore, but also learning about the artifacts, relics and coins from the ages that we unearth.

The OTHC coin is now finding its way south from Kelowna. Today it rests in an area rich in history, in fact dating back as early as 1811. Yes, even in central BC there is rich history dating back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. This area was recognized as an early trading center, a place where the early fur traders met on the old Caribou trail. The trail was also known as the Okanagan Brigade Trail. Parts of the trail were originally used by the Okanagan first nations and later parts became what are now known as Highway 97. Along this early trail, the French and English fur traders met and traded with the first nations peoples of the Okanagan. The Hudson's Bay Company named the area MacDonald's Plain, after an officer of the now famous Company.

In 1872, the very first Caucasian woman, Susan Allison, settled in this area and renamed it Sunnyside. Her original home and homestead still exist today and can be seen at a popular winery now on this site. The first school was built nearby in 1897 to serve the surrounding communities.

By the turn of the century, many pioneers were now settling in this area, establishing farms, businesses, schools and a post office. There is a great deal more history you can learn about this area, you just need to look for it.

The coin rests right on the Brigade trail near the heart of this community. A ring of stones, reminiscent of Stonehenge surrounds a living sentinel of the past and it is here, close by; that the coin remains hidden for you to find.

Good luck and happy learning treasure hunters!