



OKANAGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 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**

At the end of September and the beginning of October I detected in the waters of Okanagan and Skaha Lakes, and managed to average finding a ring a day for eight days! (One Junker, Five Silver and two Gold, including October's ("Find of the Month", a 16 gram Honker!"))

Since then, I've hunted these waters another half-dozen times and found only a few dollars in coin and one WW2 Service Medal

So much for my lucky streak! Just proves the old saying, (The only thing you know about luck for sure is that it's bound to change!) So I guess I'll just have to keep at it until it changes again. See you out there!

A LUCKY STREAK

Submitted by Rob Blackie



Don't forget, elections are coming up soon. The positions are listed below.

We wish to thank the current volunteers for another great year!

President	Syd Birch
Vice President	Christian Noel
Treasurer.....	Syd Birch
Secretary	Christian Noel
Find of the Month....	Brett Johnson
	Ken Dewerson
Raffles	Rob Blackie

Refreshments	Bonnie Nesbitt
Archivist.....	Rob Blackie
Newsletter Editor....	Jim Tennant
Webmaster	Samantha Tarbet
Hunt Co-ordinator....	Syd Birch
Treasures in Sand.....	Ken Dewerson
	Ray Matzick, and Brett Johnson

Finds of the Month - October 2017 Meeting

Coin

Jewellery

Miscellaneous

1st



1936 West African Coin
Paul Snider

18K Gold Ring
Rob Blackie

WW 2 Medal
Rob Blackie

2nd



1915 Large Cent
Brett Johnson

10K Ruby Ring
Brett Johnson

Toy Soldier
Gradon Friedt

3rd



Australian Coin
Syd Birch

Ladies Gold Ring
Chris Bilocerkowec

Sex Token
Brett Johnson

Find of the Month Standings as of October 17, 2017

Paul Snider	65	Christian Noel	12	Karen MacKenzie	6	Nick Carter	2
Brett Johnson	61	Hank Vodarek	11	Maggie St-Hilaire	6	Bob Hollingsworth	1
Syd Birch	37	Robert Ames	8	Michael MacKenzie	5	Fran Pattison	1
Rob Blackie	28	Lek Bosuwan	8	Gradon Friedt	4	Jacques St-Hilaire	1
Samantha Tabet	27	Dianne McKeown	8	Maretta Saulnier	3	Phil Williams	1
Chris Bilocerkowec	25	Annette Estey	7	Gordon Schneider	3	Elef Christenson	1
Carole Snider	23	Ray Matzick	6	Kevin Felts	3		
Ken Dewerson	16	Jim Tennant	6	Don Collins	3		



Christmas Party 2017



Okanagan Treasure Hunters Club

Place: St. Andrews by the Lake Golf Course

Date: Saturday, December 2nd 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

AGENDA:



Silent Auction: During the afternoon we will be holding a Silent Auction where you may be able to pick up some real neat Treasures!

Club Meeting: We will have a quick meeting to cover any outstanding issues. This will include our regular monthly "Find of the Month" contest and also.....the "Find of the Year" contest. So don't forget to bring in this months finds, as well as what you consider your **"Best find for the past year"**. **There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th.**

Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30 pm. Each family brings something yummy. Please contact Joanne Birch regarding the dinner items you may wish to bring. Fridge and micro-wave ovens are available. Tel: 250-497-8595. Coffee & Soft drinks provided. (If you wish a glass of wine, b.y.o.b.)



Santa arrives around 7:00 pm for the fun time "Gift Exchange Game".

WHAT TO BRING:

Besides your pot luck dinner item, each person brings one wrapped generic gift for under the tree, which would be suitable for either a male or female. Value around \$10. Also, see below for the Silent Auction and don't forget your Find of the Month items!



Silent Auction for Treasures!

At this year's Christmas Party we will be having our now famous, "Silent Auction for Treasures". They say that "One man's junk is another man's Treasure", so be prepared to pick up some mighty good deals.

Here's How it Works!

Each family attending the party brings just one or two neat articles for the auction. If you have a box full of stuff you want to bring in....no problem. The box and it's contents will be auctioned as one item. Things may be new, used, cheap or expensive (**anything but broken or dirty**). Go into your closets, up in the attic or down in the basement where you are sure to find a couple of treasures you can part with.

During the course of the evening as people look over the treasures, they will write their name & bid on the sheet corresponding to that article. Should another person wish to bid on the same article, they write their name below the first person and also enter a bid. Each bid must be higher than the previous bid by at least the minimum increment amount noted at the top of the sheet for that item.

This continues until the announced secret deadline time when the last person on the sheet becomes the new owner of that item. What should you bring? Bring anything you no longer want that you think someone else will.

The only stipulation isif it's not sold you take it home.

Directions from Penticton:

Head out of town south along Hwy 97 towards Okanagan Falls. Near Kaledan and just past the exit to Vancouver turn right on to White Lake Road. You will see a sign for the Radio Observatory and St. Andrews By the Lake. Head along this road 5ks and turn right at the entrance to the Golf Course. Follow the road along the golf course until you reach the Club-house. We are upstairs in the restaurant area.



Clues to finding the club coin - Syd Birch

Treasure hunters, the weather is getting cool so this month you can sit at home in your arm chair while you solve this little cipher. It will give you the exact location of the club coin. All you have to do is make a quick trip to pick it up. When you take the club coin, please leave a coin and a note for others.

Remember when we were kids how we made those little decoder wheels with paper, to send secret messages. You found a letter on the big wheel but wrote the letter that appeared on the small wheel. Don't remember... Well maybe it was just me.

Here's a clue: Those clever Brits at Bletchley Park were able, in part, to break the Enigma Code when they discovered that every message contained the same phrase. Don't worry, my message is in English, they had to work in German.

Good Luck and Happy Halloween

Your mission, should you accept it, is to decipher this message, secure the club coin, & return to base.

BPMKTCJKWQVKUJKFFGPKPQEBDOXPPKBXOGURONGUBHFRWPOQJKGWXAW
YDJCRRAJCNNQYGGP

SILVER HALVES WINNERS!



Ken	Marv	Elef
Marv	Bob S.	Karen
Bob S.	Jo-Anne	Paul
Mike	Mike	



LOOSE BAY CAMPGROUND OUTING SEACREST HILL ROAD, OLIVER

Yvon Ferland, park manager, invited us to detect the campground where about 300 fruit pickers have come each year, for the past 15 years. It may never have been detected. Lots of coins and metal trash was found.

Yvon was very thankful for our efforts, and most generously donated a quantity of gold & silver jewellery and silver coins to our club.

Club outing at Sunoka Beach

In recognition of "Halloween"..... a good showing of Treasure Hunters dressed up for the occasion, for a fantastic Treasure Hunt at Sunoka Beach Park on Saturday October 28. What a hoot! There were approximately 25 + costumed hunters who attended and had a great time finding coins and tokens for terrific merchandise prizes and prizes for costumes.

A big thank you to Jo-Anne for cooking up one of the most delicious chili lunches ever!
And super kudos to Syd for organizing another fantastic outing!!!



Treasure Hunters at Sunoka Beach

