

# OKANAGAN

## TREASURE HUNTERS

### CLUB

May 2018

## NEWSLETTER



The Okanagan Treasure Hunters Club meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month. They are held at Penticton Museum & Archives 785 Main Street, Penticton BC, V2A 5E3 at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### Clues To Find The Club Coin

As of the May 15, 2018 meeting, the Club Coin had not been found. Dianne provided a New Clue and a Silver Quarter was added to the prize. The prize adds up to a Silver Dollar.

#### Original Clues

- South of "Grizzly Bear", this place was incorporated as a city in 1948.
- This park was named after an Okanagan Band Chief in the early 1800's.
- Now, stand in the middle of the white "X" and walk north-west 120 steps.
- From "No Thru Road" walk 50 steps north to find the Club Coin.
- You will need a "cwmpawd" to help you out.
- The Park can be found on a Penticton Tourist Map

#### New Clue:

- The Park is on Kensington Street.

When you find the coin, please leave something detectable for the next member(s) so they know they had the right spot and that the coin was found. Then call Dianne McKeown 250-490-4885.

A special thank you to Syd and Jo-Anne for the coffee and the delicious snacks at the May 15th, 2018 Club meeting.



# FINDS OF THE MONTH – May 2018


## COINS

		
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> :Brett Johnson</b> <b>1870 Cdn Dime</b> <b>(Fairview BC)</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup>: Paul Snider</b> <b>1904 Cdn Fish Scales 5cent</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup>: Keith Nixon</b> <b>1917 Silver Quarter</b>

## JEWELRY

		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> : Syd Birch</b> <b>Gold Ring</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> :Keith Nixon</b> <b>10 kt Gold Ring w/Diamond</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup>:Chris Bilocerkowec</b> <b>Silver Ring w/Blue Stone</b>

## MISC.

		
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> :Maggie St-Hilaire</b> <b>Skull Shaped Snuff Box</b> <b>(Fairview BC)</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup>: Michael MacKenzie</b> <b>Toy Gun</b> <b>(Fairview BC)</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup>: Syd Birch</b> <b>Wallet in Water</b>


## OTHER GREAT FINDS



	<p><b>Winner of the “Non-Winner’s draw”</b>          (for entering an item in the Finds of the Month,          but did not win 1st, 2nd or 3rd)</p> <p><b>Rob Blackie</b>  <b>1956 Cdn Dime</b></p>
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## The Finds of the Month Standings as of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

<b>Brett Johnson – 21</b> <b>Syd Birch – 20</b> <b>Chris Bilocerkowec – 15</b> <b>Paul Snider – 14</b> <b>Hank Vodarek – 10</b> <b>Maggie St-Hilaire – 10</b> <b>Rob Blackie - 9</b> <b>Samantha Tarbet – 9</b> <b>Elef Christensen – 5</b>	<b>Carole Snider – 4</b> <b>Dianne McKeown – 4</b> <b>Cheryl Harris – 4</b> <b>Michael MacKenzie - 4</b> <b>Karen MacKenzie – 3</b> <b>Keith Nixon</b> <b>Annette Estey – 2</b> <b>Ralph Hodge – 2</b> <b>Jacques St-Hilaire – 2</b>
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<u>SILVER HALVES WINNERS</u>			
Brett	Carole	Carole	Christian
Brett	Jim T.	Cheryl	Marv
Syd	Dianne	Marv	Syd



# Keremeos Rodeo Grounds Hunt

May 26, 2018

Again this year, the club was hunting at the Keremeos Rodeo Grounds. On the Tuesday prior, six members came down to help putting the “finishing touch” to the grounds cleanup. In all honesty, the grounds had been combed the night before and all we managed was to fill one garbage bag. Nonetheless our efforts are always very much appreciated. A heartfelt “thank you” to the **Keremeos Elks Lodge #56** for allowing our Club to practice its hobby for the tenth year in a row. Fifteen members joined in this fun day that started at 10 AM with a lunch break at 1 PM when Jo-Anne barbecued delicious hamburgers and smokies. The last Detectorists left around 4:30. Any good finds? We’ll find out at the June meeting.



## Prizes Awarded at the Keremeos Rodeo Grounds Hunt

**Oldest Coin Found:** 1942 Cdn Penny, Syd Birch

**Most Coins Found:** > 20 coins, Brett Johnson

**Most Nickels Found:** 1 only, 3-way tie, Gradon Friedt, Paul Snider, Maggie St-Hilaire

**Least Amount of Coins, > than 0:** tie, Ralph Hodge and Jacques St-Hilaire at 1 each





# May Club Raffle

The Club issued 125 tickets for the raffle. The draw was made at the Keremeos Rodeo Grounds Club Hunt. First Prize – a 1/10<sup>th</sup> troy oz gold coin won by Michael MacKenzie. Second Prize – a 1 troy oz. silver won by Samantha Tarbet. Third Prize a Canadian silver dollar was won by Ralph Hodge.



Mike is proudly holding his gold coin. At current gold price, is worth \$168.



Ralph with his 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Silver Dollar.

## US Barber Silver Quarter Winners

Paul Snider



Brett Johnson



James Friedt



## **ROYAL PORTRAITS OTHC CONTEST**

Canadian coinage always displays the portrait of the reigning monarch. Since 1858 our coins have depicted five monarchs. Two of these, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, appear in multiple portraits. A complete list follows:

1. Queen Victoria Laureated Portrait 1858
2. Queen Victoria Diadem Portrait 1870-1901
3. King Edward VII Imperial State Crown Portrait 1902-1910
4. King George V Imperial State Crown Portrait 1911-1936
5. King George VI Uncrowned Portrait 1937-1952
6. Queen Elizabeth II Laureated Portrait 1953-1964
7. Queen Elizabeth II Tiara Portrait 1965-1989
8. Queen Elizabeth II Royal Diadem Portrait 1980-2003
9. Queen Elizabeth II Mature Portrait 2003 to date

### **The Contest:**

In a single denomination, find four or more Canadian coins with different Royal Portraits and win a prize.

### **The Rules:**

1. This contest begins at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and ends at the July meeting.
2. Coins must be found while metal detecting.
3. Coins found in any seeded hunt do not qualify.
4. A club member may be a winner in a denomination (i.e. Nickels) and may also be a winner in another denomination (i.e. Quarters), but may only claim one prize in a denomination.

### **The Prizes:**

1. Find four portraits to win a silver dime.
2. Find five portraits and win a silver quarter.
3. Find six portraits and win a silver half.
4. Find seven or more portraits and win a silver dollar.

### **Huntmaster's Tips:**

Search those old parks, old homes, old schools and swimming beaches that are no longer used. The Okanagan Historical Society publishes an annual report that contains a wealth of information for the treasure hunter. Always get permission to detect private property. Stay safe.

Good Luck Everyone

### **Detector World:**

**Notka/Makro:** Still waiting for the release of the 61 kHz Makro Gold Kruzer.

**XP:** XP clone DPR 600, a gold prospecting detector, available in Africa for \$US 680, still not available in first world markets.

**First Texas:** Currently working on a PI beach detector.

**Other Manufacturers:** Nothing on the horizon.

# For Sale Page

## Whites MX Sport

The detector comes with the stock coil and was recently in for repairs (my son knocked it over and the battery cap broke off). They replaced the battery compartment **AND** the control panel so the machine is completely up to date on all updates to it's programming.

This general purpose metal detector is waterproof, so you can take it beach hunting, relic hunting, coin shooting, jewelry seeking, and even prospecting. The MX Sport builds on the legendary MXT, with new features and the latest technology. It is not a beginners machine but an excellent choice if you are ready to up your game. It has the following options.

- **6 Search Modes** – All-Metal for areas where you might miss a real gem if you discriminate anything out; Coin and Jewelry, the most user-friendly default mode; Beach, allowing you to hunt on salty, wet sand and black sand without interference (though it works at least as well in freshwater); Prospecting, for the nugget hunter; Relic mode, which targets the most common metals used in valuable historical artifacts except iron; and Hi Trash, which helps you pick good targets out of a myriad of bottle caps, pull tabs, foil and can slaw.
- **Pinpoint Mode** – To help you hone in very tightly on the target. Very handy, and extremely accurate.
- **Backlit Display**
- **VDI Numbers** – VDI stands for Visual Discrimination Indicator. The high/low tones coordinate with the VDI.
- **Target Identification**
- **Selectable Tone Identification**
- **Frequency Control** – If you're hunting around other machines that are making yours chatter, or there are stray electrical impulses present, such as those from Extra Low Frequency (ELF) waves, making your machine constantly emit "falsing," or confused signals, you can just switch your machine over to another of four frequencies to make that annoyance stop.
- **Depth Indicator**
- **Automatic or Manual Ground Balance**
- **Salt-tracking**
- **Self-Adjusting Threshold (SAT)**
- **Voltage-Controlled Oscillator (VCO)**
- **Iron Grunt**

Samantha Tarbet - asking **\$500**

