

Treasures in the sand

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People armed with metal detectors were everywhere at Penticton's Sudbury Beach on Saturday. The activity on the beach was all part of Treasures in the Sand, held every year by the Okanagan Treasure Hunters Club.

"It's a great hobby, and it just gets everybody together, with this being one of the hunts held during the year," said hunt chairman Jo-Anne Birch.

This summer 70 people from the western U.S., B.C. and Saskatchewan participated in the day's activities including two 30 minute morning hunts in the sand and a 45 minute treasure hunt in the afternoon.

Their goal being to find tokens for prizes including metal detectors and silver coins.

"It's fun to get out and meet new people and there are great prizes," said club member Paul Snider, from Kelowna. "It's an event I look forward to every year."

All of the money raised from the sale of tickets goes to Penticton Regional Hospital. To date they have raised \$22,400, and hope to see that amount go over \$25,000 this year, Birch said.

Dee Sperling, who traveled up from Union, Wash. for the event appreciates the camaraderie.

"You make lifelong friends from different countries," she said. "It's also good exercise, and you never know what you might find."