

OKANAGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB JULY 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

Month of June Club Coin Hunt

Congratulations to Dianne McKeown on finding the Club Coin. The coin was located in West Kelowna on the parking lot at the corner of Shannon Lake Rd and Shannon Woods Dr. The parking lot is flanked on two sides by large stones. The coin was within a swing of the coil from the "corner stone".



Corner Stone

NEW CLUB COIN HUNT

- On the West side of the 84 mile long lake
- South of the 4'3" wide pedestrian and cyclist pathway and
- North of the structured that retired in 1936
- The "T" is the area you can take your woof for a swim
- A "dog's face" can be found here... go in a straight line in the direction opposite to its nose and it will lead you in the direction of the hidden coin.

Good luck and please call me if you find it.
Dianne McKeown :250-490-4885



Missing Ring Returned



Dianne McKeown went into action when a Calgary couple sent a plea for help on Our Club's Facebook page. See a portion of the article in the Penticton Western News, below.



Missing ring reunited with couple vacationing in Penticton

Calgary couple lost a wedding ring on a South Okanagan beach

A sucker for a happy ending, Dianne McKeown was quick to jump into action to help a vacationing Calgary couple that lost a wedding ring on a Penticton beach on Sunday. After seeing a plea for help on the [Okanagan Treasure Hunters Club](#) Facebook page, which McKeown is a member of, she reached out to the couple. Angi Gerrie, her husband and kids had been hanging out at Skaha Beach when she asked her husband to hold her ring while she was putting on sunscreen. It was in the process of handing it back to her that the football flew in knocking it out of his hand.

Their initial search was unsuccessful, so the couple purchased a cheap metal detector. It only resulted in more tears as they came up with nothing. A friend then pointed Gerrie to the treasure hunters club's Facebook page where she posted a desperate plea for help around 9 p.m. on Sunday.

McKeown saw it and met Gerrie's husband early on Monday morning before the beach got busy again.

"He had an idea of the area, and had already spent quite a bit of time searching on the sand, so I decided to go right into the water. I turned up a few bottle caps and was getting close to completing the search grid when I got another hit," said McKeown. Sitting in about eight inches of water, just off the shoreline, there was the ring.

"I told him I just have to see the reaction of his wife when he brought that home. So off I went and followed him to the house they were staying at with my camera in hand," said McKeown. "She just went into tears. She just said 'you found it, oh my god.' She thanked me profusely. It was a good way to start the day."

McKeown will now have her own great story to share with other treasure hunters from all over the Okanagan Valley when they regularly meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Penticton Museum and Archives at 7 p.m. As well, when the group holds their 10th anniversary inviting people from all over B.C. and Washington State to an event on Sept. 7 and 8 at Sudbury Beach.

"Everyone has a story. We have a lot of members in the club that have found and returned a lot of rings, jewelry and we never really put it out there to get publicized. I thought, why not put this great story out there? Everyone likes to hear a heart-warming, fuzzy news story," said McKeown. who added the club has also donated \$32,500 so far to the South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation hospital campaign through various events and fundraisers.

Kristi Patton | Editor | Western News

FINDS OF THE MONTH – July 2018

COINS

		
<p>1ST Dianne McKeown Chinese Cash Coin</p>	<p>2ND: Brett Johnson 1949 Cdn Dime</p>	<p>3RD: Paul Snider 1985 50 Cdn cent Coin</p>

JEWELRY


		
<p>1ST : Dianne McKeown Returned Wedding Ring</p>	<p>2ND :Brett Johnson Signet Ring</p>	<p>3RD:Paul Snider 10 kt Ring w/Blue Stone</p>

MISC.

		
<p>1ST :Paul Snider 1955 Jubilee Token</p>	<p>2ND: Brett Johnson Old Spalding #3 plate</p>	<p>3RDChris Bilocerkowec Lighter</p>


OTHER GREAT FINDS

	<p>Winner of the “Non-Winner’s draw” (for entering an item in the Finds of the Month, but did not win 1st, 2nd or 3rd) Sorry I don’t know this month’s result</p>
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The Finds of the Month Standings as of July 17th , 2018:

Brett Johnson – 36 Paul Snider – 28 Syd Birch – 26 Chris Bilocerkowec – 25 Samantha Tarbet – 17 Dianne McKeown – 15 Rob Blackie - 16 Maggie St-Hilaire – 13 Hank Vodarek – 10 Elef Christensen – 8	Jacques St-Hilaire – 6 Cheryl Harris – 6 Carole Snider – 4 Michael MacKenzie - 4 Karen MacKenzie – 4 Keith Nixon - 3 Ralph Hodge – 3 Annette Estey – 2 Robert Ames – 2 Carolyn Tennant - 1
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	<p><u>SILVER HALVES WINNERS</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Marv</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Brett</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Marv</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Bob S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ralph</td> <td>Bob S.</td> <td>Michael</td> <td>Jo-Anne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael</td> <td>Ralph</td> <td>Christian</td> <td>Ralph</td> </tr> </table>	Marv	Brett	Marv	Bob S.	Ralph	Bob S.	Michael	Jo-Anne	Michael	Ralph	Christian	Ralph
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Note: There was no Club Hunt during the month of July

RESULTS OF THE ROYAL PORTRAITS OTHC CONTEST

Four members posted entries in the contest, however I do not have a full description of each entry and prizes awarded.



Brett Johnson



Paul Snider



Syd Birch



Rob Blackie

OTHC Contest – Coin Shooter’s Challenge

It’s always fun to find those older coins. You may find a rare and valuable key date. For the next month check the date on all your coin finds to discover your oldest dates.

The Contest:

While treasure hunting, find a penny, a nickel, a dime and a quarter. You don’t have to find them all. Bring your oldest coin in each denomination to the next meeting. The oldest coin in each denomination will win a prize.

The Rules:

1. This contest begins at the July 17th meeting and ends at the August meeting.
2. Coins must be found while treasure hunting.
3. All coins must be Canadian or U.S., other foreign coins do not qualify.
4. If your coin is too worn to determine the date minted, we’ll examine the portrait and coin style to estimate the date minted.

The Prizes:

The member who finds the oldest coin in each denomination will receive a silver quarter.

Huntmaster’s Tips:

Search around old buildings and in old parks. The bigger the trees, the better your chances of finding an old coin. Talk to old timers, they’re a wealth of information. Always get permission before detecting on private property.

Syd’s Gold Draw

Gold 1/10th t oz:

Karen

Silver half:

Christian, Karen

Silver Quarter:

Marv, Jo-Anne, Christian