

Lost ring dug out of beach

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Photo: Paul Snider

A Penticton man was "out of words" when his wedding ring was returned to him on Tuesday, after losing it nearly three weeks earlier in Skaha Lake at Sudbury Beach.

"We were just playing in the water and stuff on August 10, so quite a bit earlier in the month... my ring slipped off and I didn't notice it right away, maybe five minutes later I realized... then starts the frantic search," Adam Schumph said.

"It had got buried in the sand fairly quickly. We went back the following morning to see if we could find it in the calmer water, but we didn't."

Schumph put up posters about the lost ring in the beach parking lot after that.

Kelowna resident Paul Snider, a member of the [Okanagan Treasure Hunters Club](#), noticed the signs on Tuesday when he was the beach testing out a new metal detector water kit.

After about an hour of searching in waist-deep water, Snider said he found the gold wedding band, and phoned Schumph to tell him the news.

"He was so excited to hear about it, he was out of words," Snider said.

Schumph said he didn't believe it at first; "the whole thing was pretty surprising... My wife and I just couldn't believe the sign was still up.

"Hindsight being 20-20... If I had known Paul and his club did this sort of thing, I could've called him the day of or the day after I lost my ring and saved myself three weeks or torment."

The OTHC, a metal-detecting hobbyist group, returns three-to-five rings each year, Snider said. A page on their website is dedicated to [stories of returned items](#).

The club has about 80 members across the Okanagan, many of them retirees, who meet monthly at the Penticton Library.