

# OKANAGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB August 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

## Speaker of the Month Blair Jean, author

Blair has written a book of memoirs that begins with stories of working at the Gellatly nut farm that was started by his great uncle Jack Gellatly. The stories take us from the old days of West Kelowna around the nut farm, to the boat traffic at the wharf at the bottom of Gellatly road to the history of the Clearwater River and the discovery of an ancient fort older than Fort McMurray. The stories were accompanied by antique photographs of buildings around the nut farm and the wharf as well as photographs of areas of activity of what might have been the fur trade trail. This presentation was very interesting in the fact that it could lead to permission to metal detect on local historical sites.

**A very special thank you to Blair for this amazing presentation.**

## CLUB COIN HUNT

- On the West side of the 84 mile long lake
- *New Clue: On the West side of OKANAGAN LAKE!*
- South of the 4'3" wide pedestrian and cyclist pathway and
- North of the structure that retired in 1936
- The "T" is the area you can take your vehicle
- 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



## August 26, 2018 Club Hunt

The Club was invited to detect at a private site in the hope of unearthing objects that might help in developing the history behind that area. Nine club members made the trek to the site of what is believed to be on the "Fur Trade Trail". A number of objects have been found but it appears at this point that possibly one item (a women's hair barrette) may be indicative of historical activity. However dating of that object is currently under way and we have no information at this time.






# FINDS OF THE MONTH – August 2018

## COINS

		
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Ralph Hodge 1896 Cdn Penny</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup>: Syd Birch 1919 Cdn Penny</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup>: Brett Johnson 1953 Cdn Half Dollar</b>

## JEWELRY


		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> : Brett Johnson Topaz &amp; Diamond Ring</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> :Paul Snider 10 kt Men's Gold Chain</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup>:Chris Bilocerkowec Heart Locket</b>

## MISC.

		
<b>1<sup>ST</sup>:Brett Johnson Ford Decal</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup>: Cheryl Harris Dragon Martial Kombat Medallion</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> : Syd Birch RCAF Silver Pin</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) Maggie St-Hilaire <b>Toy Dinosaur</b></p>
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## The Finds of the Month Standings as of August 21<sup>th</sup> , 2018:

<p>Brett Johnson – 46 Paul Snider – 33 Syd Birch – 32 Chris Bilocerkowec – 29 Samantha Tarbet – 20 Rob Blackie - 18 Dianne McKeown – 17 Maggie St-Hilaire – 16 Hank Vodarek – 10 Elf Christensen – 8</p>	<p>Cheryl Harris – 11 Ralph Hodge – 9 Jacques St-Hilaire – 6 Michael MacKenzie - 5 Robert Ames – 5 Carole Snider – 4 Karen MacKenzie – 4 Lwilai Bosowan – 3 Keith Nixon - 3 Annette Estey – 3 Carolynn Tennant – 1</p>
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	<u>SILVER HALVES WINNERS</u>			
	Karen	Maggie	Dianne	Wilai
	Carolyn	Dianne	Annette	Hank
	Jo-Anne	Carole	Carolynn	Terry

	<p><b>Lost Ring Found</b></p> <p>On August 31<sup>st</sup> ,a man posted on our Facebook page he lost a gold ring in his backyard. He offered a \$100 reward. Chris B. went to help him out. He showed her the hedge where he thought he lost it. He looked down and there it was. Although Chris did not have to swing her detector, as a reward, the man offered Chris to give her gas money but she suggested he could buy a Westjet ticket. He bought 5 tickets for her trouble. It showed our club members are eager to help out. Way to go Chris.</p>
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## RESULTS OF THE COIN SHOOTERS CHALLENGE

Eight members posted entries in the contest.



And the Winners of a Silver Quarter are:

Oldest Penny – 1919 :	Syd Birch
Oldest Nickel – 1927 :	Syd Birch
Oldest Dime – 1942 :	Robert Ames
Oldest Quarter – 1951 :	Brett Johnson

## **OTHC SCAVENGER HUNT 2 – 2018**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Metal Washer      | 8. Silver Coin          | 15. Jewelry, Not a Ring |
| 2. Bear Bottle Cap   | 9. Loonie               | 16. House or Car Key    |
| 3. Gatorade Foil Cap | 10. Toy Car or Truck    | 17. Bobby Pin           |
| 4. Metal Screw       | 11. Foreign Coin not US | 18. Silver Ring         |
| 5. U.S. Nickel       | 12. Toonie              | 19. Gold Ring           |
| 6. U.S. Dime         | 13. Token               | 20. Dog Tag             |
| 7. Quarter           | 14. Canadian Penny      |                         |

### **RULES:**

1. The hunt begins at the August meeting and ends at the October meeting.
2. All items must be found while metal detecting.
3. Rings returned to their owner will qualify.
4. Any item may also be entered in find of the month.

### **PRIZES:**

1. The person who finds all twenty items will win a silver half.
2. The person who finds eighteen of the twenty items will win a silver quarter.
3. The person who finds fifteen of the twenty items will win a silver dime.
4. In case of a tie, or multiple winners, all winners will receive a prize.