

Ring lost 15 years, found

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It's been over a decade since Kirk Turvey lost his Western Canada Baseball Championship ring, a prized possession that he thought he would never see again.

"I was playing football with a buddy at Dorothea Walker Elementary School, and I didn't have a pocket, so I gave my ring to my buddy. After we finished, he went to give me the ring back, and it was gone," Turvey said.

Turvey and his friend searched the field for four hours, but couldn't find the ring. They went back the next day and still left empty handed.

"Years went by, and every time I would drive by the school I would think about the ring and wondered what happened to it," he said.

But, just last week, Turvey's parents got a peculiar phone call from a couple asking about their son.

"They called and asked what my number was in baseball and then, once everything matched up, they revealed that they had found my ring," Turvey said.

The couple, Carole and Paul Snider, are members of the Okanagan Treasure Hunters club.

Carole Snider was the one that detected the ring.

"The ring had his name engraved inside, which enabled me to start searching. If that information hadn't been there, I wouldn't have any way to find the owner," Carole said.

"When I first found out he had lost the ring 15 years ago, I was amazed that it was still there at the school, and just being able to connect with him to give that back was just amazing," she added.

Turvey says he can't thank the couple enough.

"I was never expecting to see this thing again. It's a little chewed up, but it's still in pretty good shape. Apparently, they found it six inches into the ground. It was crazy," he said.

Turvey says he plans on donating to the Treasure Hunters as a thank you.

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Carole Snider and Kirk Turvey