

# OKANAGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



## The Loonie Lotto

Contest: Every monthly meeting, members who have found Loonies during that month (from the last meeting to the current meeting) choose one of them to enter the contest and that Loonie will go in a pot. One token representing each year a Loonie was minted is put into a jar and one is drawn. The member who has the Loonie of the same year as the Token wins the Pot.

### Rules:

- The Loonie entered must have been found while metal detecting.
- Only a Loonie found after the previous monthly meeting can be entered.
- Only one Loonie can be entered per game. So if you found several...choose one but the others cannot be entered at the following monthly meeting.
- Each Member places his or her Loonie on the table where the Hunt Master can see it.
- Hunt Master draws one Token from the Token Jar
- The Member with the corresponding year wins all the entered Loonies.
- If more than one winner, the Pot is divided accordingly.
- If no one has the winning Loonie, all Loonies go into the Pot and the Pot is carried to the next Monthly Meeting.
- The Token that was drawn is retired from future draws. So pay attention not to enter a year already called. Check the monthly newsletter!
- A Member who joins the game after having missed one or more meetings must equalize their entries into the game by contributing as many Loonies as meetings missed. Tip #1: If you find more than one Loonie during the month, remember that the mintage of loonies varies widely from year to year. If you can, it would be a smart play to enter a year with the lowest mintage. Then hope that most of the other players enter a loonie from one of the higher mintage years. When your year is drawn, you may not have to split the pot.

**Loonie Draw - 2013 and 2016 are now retired.**



### SILVER HALVES DRAW

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| 1. Jo-Anne          | 2. Michael | 3. Paul  | 4. Jo-Anne |
| 5. Brett            | 6. Karen   | 7. Karen | 8. Jo-Anne |
| 9. Syd - Bonus Draw |            |          |            |

## XP ORX Roman Coin Hoard

By Martin Wood (The divvy detectorist)

It all started back in February when I first got the XP ORX metal detector, I took the newly named Roxy out for a test drive, instantly I started finding on my heavily detected field, I went back three or four times so I could get to grips with using the ORX before testing it on a heavily contaminated site. I decided I'd head to the grounds of an old hall. I'd been finding plenty of Victorian and Georgian pennies with my previous machine but nothing of any substantial age, that quickly changed after an hour with the ORX. I couldn't believe it when a fully intact Georgian fob seal popped up still with the intaglio in perfect condition, this was a first for me. I'd been wanting to find one for a very long time. During further visits I found my first ever silver thimble and a truly stunning pure gold mourning locket with three locks of hair still inside, it weighed a hefty 22 grams, and turned out to have belonged to the Lord that lived in the old hall but that was just the start of my XP ORX relationship Better was yet to come...

It was a windy Friday afternoon and me and my friend decided to head out to our regular farm as the farmer had just harvested some corn. We got there and it was a pretty slow day in all honesty, we'd been plodding along for around five hours and found very little between us. Over the horizon I noticed a field that we had never done before, I called the landowner to see if it was his land and luckily for us it was.

We got to the field but it was getting late so we had a quick hour and virtually did an up and down on the field recovering 4 Roman coins, we were very happy as it's rare to find Roman in this area. I later went to see my brother and told him about the Roman coins and that I had a feeling there had to be many more in this field, I'm not sure he believed me but that all changed two days later when the ORX gave a sweet tone, ringing nicely in my ears, "oh lovely, it's a cartwheel penny" I said to my brother, "That's not Roman though" he replied with a laugh. Shortly after he called me over to say he had found a Roman, jokingly I mentioned that I thought there might be a pot full in the field. We carried on and both started to find, it was starting to pick up now and you could feel the tension in the air. The coins were all really small and at around 4" – 6" deep so I decided to switch my frequency up to 26.6khz, using the coin deep program, 95 sensitivity and discrimination at 5.

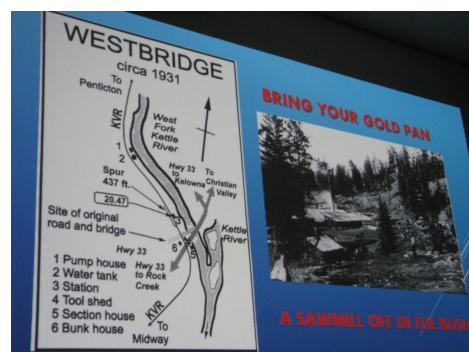
The field came alive, Roman Coin after Roman Coin, artefacts galore and a lot of frantic digging. We couldn't believe it, we had stumbled across a scattered hoard of Roman coins dated to around 200Ad. The ORX really was working well on the higher frequency. The feeling was truly one of amazement and joy. We were now feeding off each other's excitement and the coins just kept on coming. After hours of digging the low weight of the ORX proved to be a real advantage, she really does swing with ease and what a capable machine Roxy the ORX is proving to be. In total we recovered 116 coins plus over a dozen artefacts in a small area.

It was the stuff of dreams and funnily enough all these little dreams I had of finding bucket listers are quickly becoming realities with this metal detector, my first Roman silver, my first first Georgian fob seal, my first silver thimble and then just when you think It can't get any better along comes a Roman Hoard! So for me the ORX is truly a match made in heaven and dare I say a dream come true, In total my Brother and myself recovered 119 coins, the search continues.....



# **HISTORY OF THE KETTLE VALLEY RAILWAY**

By Brian Wilson, Archivist – Okanagan Archive Trust Society



Brian spoke about the history of the Kettle Valley Railway, its construction and some insight on some of the camps and building sites associated with the railway, including some good information to their approximate locations on the trail. He also included some information on Carmi, Beaverdell and Rock Creek that was very helpful.

## **FUTURE CLUB HUNTS**

**Saturday, October 19 at Pine Hills Golf Course, Penticton @ 10am**  
**Greg will email everyone details and directions**

**Saturday, October 26 at Sunoka Beach Park, Summerland @ 10am**  
**\* Halloween Hunt \***  
**Syd will email everyone details and directions**

## **Next OTHC Club Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @ 7:00 pm @ Peachland 55+**



# OCTOBER 2019 FIND OF THE MONTH

## JEWELRY



**1st - Rob Blackie  
Silver Filigree Ring**



**2nd - Paul Snider  
Cool Ring**



**3rd - Syd Birch  
Silver Ring**

## COINS



**1st - Brett Johnson  
1958 Silver Dime**



**2nd - Paul Snider  
1925 US Wheat**



**3rd - Samantha Tarbet  
1965 Silver Dime**

## MISC



**1st - Paul Snider  
1900 Victorian Police Button**



**2nd - Brett Johnson  
1964 Olympic Button**



**3rd - Syd Birch  
Soccer Pin**

## OTHER GREAT FINDS



**Winner of the “Non-Winner’s draw”**  
 (for entering an item in the Find of the Month,  
 but did not win 1st, 2nd or 3rd)

**Carole Snider**

### The Find of the Month Standings as of OCTOBER 2019:

**Paul Snider - 62**  
**Brett Johnson - 61**  
**Greg Degagne - 31**  
**Rob Blackie - 31**  
**Chris Bilocerkowec - 30**  
**Bryan Leguilloux - 29**  
**Syd Birch - 29**  
**Samantha Tarbet - 28**  
**Wilai Bosowan - 21**

**Maggie St.Hilaire - 14**  
**Michael MacKenzie - 10**  
**Karen MacKenzie - 8**  
**Hank Vodarek - 6**  
**Carole Snider - 4**  
**Carolynn Tennant - 4**  
**Ralph Hodge - 4**  
**Jim Tennant - 3**  
**Joe Kasper - 1**