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From the Vice President's Desk

The Long Shot

Two feature articles in a recent local newspaper provide clues to the location of possibly productive hunt sites. "House Tour Benefits Historical Society" This tale hints of Colonial era dwellings still in use today. The tour will attract history buffs, town historians, realtors and folks interested in antique furnishings. Cost of a ticket to walk the tour \$25.00, the possible contacts PRICELESS.

"New (name of town) Tack and Gear Owner's Dream Come True". Now you say, "How is a horse stuff store going to lead to a search site"? Be creative; think outside the box. Tack is purchased by horse lovers. These folks need at least an acre per critter. They may well be interested in OLD horse gear (buckles, martingales, rosettes, stirrups etc.). Putting a display of dug equestrian treasures in the new shop just might lead to a productive contact or two. It's a long shot, but---

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Election of Officers

Every year at this time we elect our leaders. The slate of current officers is listed on the front page of this newsletter and they have done a wonderful job handling the Club's affairs and functions over the years.

At the November 4th, meeting it will be time to nominate and elect officers to carry on with the Club's work. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and the election will be held that evening.

If you nominate anyone for any position please be sure they are in agreement.

The effort we all put into our Club will be returned to all of us tenfold. The more of us that get involved in the running of our Club the more fun it becomes.

**It's your Club Get
Involved it's Fun**



**P/WMDAS NEEDS
YOU!**

Club News

P/WMD&AS Athletes Score Gold, Silver and Bronze in Holmes

Smog and poor air quality were not a factor in the Olympic Class effort held in Holmes, NY on August 30th. Thirteen highly trained and conditioned athletes from all corners of the globe (NY & CT) carried the torch through woods and fields searching for that elusive gold. While only one stalwart earned the gold medal nearly all competitors returned to their native land with at least silver or bronze. It was a proud group of detectorists who carried their Club's banner high during closing ceremonies in the parking lot before the long journey home (except for Steve who only had a 5 minute hike to his local hammock). We are pleased to announce the winners in this year's classic struggle:

Gold medal in the 100 meter gold rush awarded to Carol Mayers for a 10K gold ring. Silver Medals in the Silver Coin Marathon went to Ken Sterling, Fred Shipman, Don Mayers and Steve Barrett. Silver Medals for the Silver Ring Triathlon awarded to Sean Shaunessy (2 rings), Ken Sterling (3 rings) and Don Mayers (1 ring). Rick Markert (broken silver bracelet), Roger Young (2 silver rings).

Club News (con't)

Bronze Medal to Todd Olson for the diminished discus toss with an early 1800's button. Bronze Medal to Franz Bronnimann for his key finish in the lockathon with a Rev. War era Skeleton Key. Bronze Medals in the final event the Clad Relays awarded to Frank O'Rourke (lead off), Kevin O'Rourke (second leg), Roger Young (3rd leg) and Conrad Rasinski *(anchor).
* Conrad's silver medal for his locket is pending as official results of chemical analysis have not as yet been completed.

Classified Adds

Anyone who has/wants something metal detecting related to buy, sell, trade or give away can post it on the web contact:

Paul Maloney
26 N 3rd St.
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
Email:
pemalon@optonline.net

**FMDAC Convention
and Treasure Expo
October 10, 11, & 12,
2008**

**Wildwood Crest,
New Jersey**

For more information
Contact: Duane Biller at 724-439-1380, Vic Kamer at 724-295-3046 or Jill Mcfeeders at 330-364-1608 -
icseeker@core.com

Treasure in the News

There's Gold in Them Thar Green Mountains!

Stowe, Vermont - June 19, 2008

To most, the beauty of nature you find off the beaten path is itself a treasure. But Mark Amblo and Roger Poulin have come to the Gold Brook in Stowe looking for something else.

Amblo chuckles, "A lot of people don't realize there's gold in Vermont!"

They are gold prospectors, members of the group [Green Mountain Prospectors of Vermont](#), a club of more than 500 people.

Poulin says, "Vermont's got some of the best gold around. very pure."

They screen bucketfuls of dirt and stone. The valuable metal is heavier than water, sand, or pebbles, so it settles to the bottom. Amblo says the appeal is simple: "It's fun to be out here on the river with your buddy, play in the dirt for a day like a little kid."

While Poulin says he once found a nugget the size of a pencil's eraser, most of the time, he finds only flecks. In fact, the value of that dust is really maybe only a nickel a speck, far from enough to

Treasure in the News (cont)

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even cover the cost of the gas to get here.

Amblo says, "It's definitely a hobby. We're not out here to make money."

The guys suspected I was prone to catching gold fever, so they taught me gold panning 101. With their help, I found a few flecks, not even enough to fill a tooth with. But what keeps the hobbyists pumped up is not really the value of the gold, but the value of a day outside looking for it. Poulin says of his surroundings, "This is beautiful!"

So these guys will keep wondering what's under the next rock. And good news for them, Vermont is full of rocks. Poulin chuckles, "You can't ever get it all!"

The Green Mountain Prospectors of Vermont have regular outings planned, including one Saturday, June 21st in Bath, New Hampshire. For more on the group, you can visit its website.

<http://www.gmpv.org/GmPvnow.html>

Jack Thurston - WCAX News

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Acworth, GA 30101

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Grove, OK 74345
<http://www.losttreasure.com>

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<http://www.minelab.com/consumer>
1-702-891-8809

White's of Long Island, Inc.

240 Route 112
Pachogue, NY 11772
Phone/Fax 1-631-447-7196

Snows Metal Detectors

Authorized Tesoro Dealer
1-860-488-5694 – Joe
<http://stores.ebay.com/snows-metal-detectors>

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Winter Springs, FL 32708

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Ed Zehall, Owner
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September 2008 FINDS OF THE MONTH

USA Non- Silver Coin

1902 Indian Penny
Don Mayers

Foreign Non-Silver Coin

1775 Copper
Fred Shipman

Gold Jewelry

Platinum Ring
Vitaly Omelchenko

Silver Jewelry

Coin Silver Spoon
Ring
Ken Sterling

Button

Gold Guilt Colonial Cloak
Button
Don Mayers

Relic (Tie)

Silver Plated Ladle
Todd Olson

Silver Cruet Top

Carol Mayers

Buckle

1800's Frame Buckle
Todd Olson



The Use of Metal Detectors on Connecticut State Parks

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION
BUREAU OF OUTDOOR
RECREATION, STATE
PARKS DIVISION

POLICY/PROCEDURE #312
October 31, 2002
Revised 3/4/08

SUBJECT: METAL **DETECTION -** **COLLECTING** **GUIDELINES**

SECTION INDEX:
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The use of metal detection devices is permitted on land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection under the following conditions:

1. The activity shall be limited to surface collection except at beach areas where digging is permitted in sand areas devoid of vegetation. However no collecting or digging will be allowed in areas of sand dunes adjoining the beach area proper.

The Use of Metal Detectors on Connecticut State Parks (cont')

Digging must be done by hand with all motorized devices prohibited. All holes dug must be refilled immediately before the collector leaves the site.

2. The use of metal detection devices will only be permitted when the beach is not being used by the public for other purposes.
3. Persons using a metal detector are required to use a trash apron to store all materials found. The collector may retain articles found, except items of a personal nature such as jewelry and watches, which must be turned into the manager in charge. Any material the collector does not wish to retain shall be placed in a waste receptacle.
4. No specific permit is required at this time.
5. Staff may close any area to this activity for purposes of maintaining visitor safety and/or preserving significant artifactual remains.

The Use of Metal Detectors on Connecticut State Parks (cont')

The use of metal detectors is prohibited at the following state park areas:

Airline Trail State Park – Colchester
 Bluff Point State Park - Groton
 Continental Army Hospital Memorial - West Hartford
 Dinosaur State Park - Rocky Hill
 Ft. Griswold Battlefield State Park - Groton
 Ft. Trumbull State Park – New London
 Gay City State Park – Hebron
 Gillette Castle State Park – East Haddam (prohibition includes all of the park property adjacent to the CT River.)
 Industrial Monument – North Canaan
 Lovers Leap State Park – New Milford
 Macedonia Brook State Park – Kent
 Mashamoquet Brook State Park – Pomfret
 Putnam Memorial State Park - Redding
 Southford Falls State Park – Southbury
 Stoddard Hill Boating Access - Ledyard

Pamela Aey Adams, Director

FMDAC Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics

I will always check federal, state, county, and local laws before searching.

It is my responsibility to know the law.

I will respect private property and will not enter private property without the owner's permission. Where possible, such permission will be in writing.

I will take care to refill all holes and try not to leave any damage.

I will remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I find.

I will appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I will, as ambassador for the hobby, use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times. I will leave gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only.

I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who enter and/or removes artifacts from federal Parks or state preserves.



Metal Detecting Permit Information

Take the time to renew your permits now for Spring! See the list of locations where you may send to receive yearly metal detecting permits below. If possible, call first for any updates or instructions.

1. Palisades Interstate Park Commission
 Permit Section
 Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427\$20.00
 For: Harriman State Park (845)-786-2701

Lakes: Sebago, Tiorati & Welch

2. Long Island State Park Region
 Beaches
 Permit Office
 PO Box 247
 Babylon, NY
 11702.....\$20.00
 (631)-669-1000 ext. 223

3. City of New York Parks & Recreation
 Arsenal North
 234 Fifth Ave. Room 213
 New York, NY
 10029.....FREE
 (212)360-2778
 (MUST SEND IN COPY OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENCE)

4. Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
 Taconic Region
 Staatsburg, NY
 12580.....\$10.00
 (845)889-4100
 For: Lake Taghkanic, Rudd Pond & Canopus Beach

5. NY State Offices Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation
 Central Region
 6105 East Seneca Turnpike
 Jamesville NY 13078-9516
 (315)-492-1756

Tentative Schedule of Events for 2008*

*contingent on finalization of
search agreement

Saturday, September 12 -14,
9:00am West Dennis, MA.

October Membership Meeting Cancelled

Saturday, October 18, 9:00am
Search Outing Stormville, NY
- Rain Date October 19.

Saturday, November 1,
10:00am Fall Classic Seeded
Hunt, Fairfield, CT

Tuesday, November 4,
7:30pm Membership Meeting,
Election of Officers,
Carmel, NY

Friday December 5, 7:00pm
Annual Christmas Party,
Mahopac, NY

Precious Metal Value Calculator

Weigh and then calculate the
value
of your finds at this web link.

[http://dendritics.com/scales/
metal-calc.asp](http://dendritics.com/scales/metal-calc.asp)

Metal Prices as of September 9, 2008

Gold \$780.50 /oz

Silver \$ 11.65/oz

Platinum \$1246.00 /oz

Copper \$3.09 /lb