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Secretary's Minutes for Meeting of May 3, 2007

President: John Duffy

- The regular meeting of the Sacramento Valley Detector Buffs was called to order at 7:30 PM on May 3, 2007 by President John Duffy. Three visitors were introduced and one joined SVDB later this evening. They were XLT and MXT users.

Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

- Peter Johnson read an **extremely** funny joke about Jacob and Rebecca. Peter also displayed some good finds with his newest detector. He also won this month's membership & FOM drawing prizes.

Secretary: Bob Harrison

- Bob continues to record these minutes and supplies your editor with accurate and timely information for the newsletter. **Thanks Bob!**

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

Allan gave the report of a Beginning Balance \$3965, Expenses \$1979, Income \$892 and ending balance of \$2878.

Hospitality: Al Ezell

- Al just returned from Daytona Beach where he and Lee Wiese participated in the huge \$50,000 beach hunt mainly sponsored by Kellyco. Al wasn't quite as lucky as Lee, but he said it was a fun time. Al again did his magic with furnishing us with suburb muchies and drinks.

Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

- Rick was in Mesa, Arizona at the FMDAC hunt during this meeting. He won the grand prize treasure chest worth about \$400 in gold, silver & other stuff. Don Dunn gave a briefing for Rick concerning the Wilton Gun Club hunt and read an interesting email from past president Ron Swenson.

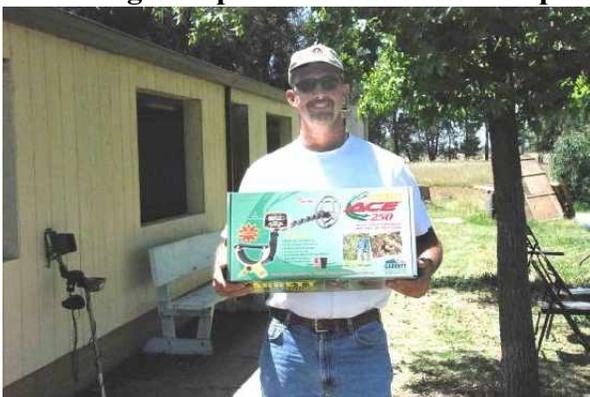


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The hunt was held on May 12, 2007.
Here are a few photos from the hunt



The grand prize winner Scott Kemper



Librarian Report: Tom Scheppe

• Tom was on a cruise and James Neeley was substituting for Tom. James said all was well in the library. James will also be subbing for Tom in June while Tom is still world cruising. Thanks James!
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Membership Report: George Magann

• George reported that we have 148 members so far this year. Please renew your membership dues and receive your 2007 badge. The membership drawing winner was **Peter Johnson**.

SVDB Web-site:

• If you have metal detecting related equipment taking up space and not being used. Why not place it on the SVDB web-site classified section for sale? Just send an e-mail to SVDB with your ad and you can one picture per ad.

Old Business:

• **SVDB Club Patches and Decals**
Lee had our SVDB club logo on a patch and sold these patches at the meeting for \$5 each. There are still some patches available.

SVDB May Raffle:

Mary Ann Mejia and James Neeley sold \$456 in raffle tickets. All the board members had 1 or more winning tickets in this months raffle.

Hmmm!



SVDB Day-In-The-Park:

There are two day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first Sunday and the third Sunday of each month. Breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. See the following for meeting place:

- ❑ 1st Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Watt and Auburn
- ❑ 3rd Sunday Hunts: Meet at Pancake House at 21st and Broadway

There were 3 day drawing winners—didn't get names.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. **Peter Johnson** won the May drawing for Find of the Month.

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FMDAC Spring Convention Update- Lee Wiese

A lot of work went into preparing for this and I believe it flowed pretty smoothly. For those of you that did not come and enjoy three beautiful days in AZ, you missed the best entertaining FMDAC Convention.

We had country/western entertainment on Friday evening, the entertainer, Lee Alexander, sold out every copy of his CD on hand!

At the Saturday seminars, we had three knowledgeable experts, in their fields, the members that attended would not stop talking about these speakers.

Saturday evening, we were entertained by the Mayor of Goldfield, Bob Schoose, on his speech about his search for the "Lost Adams Diggings" in New Mexico. His silver and gold specimens were something you should not have missed!

On Sunday, at high noon, I arranged the Goldfield Gunfighters to entertain our crowd and the rest of the town. Frank Colletti, our National Manufacturers Rep, will never forget this trip, as I had the gunfighters round him up and shoot him for being, from "NEW YORK CITY".

Independent member from Apache Junction, Bev Flick won the F75 Fisher detector, John Amato, Arizona Treasures Unlimited, and Rick Costello, Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs, both won a Treasure Chest each, full of silver and gold coins plus paper money. I will provide a full list of the winners soon, along with the attendance numbers.

Written by: *Mike Smith*, FMDAC Western Chapter President



Rick Costello, SVDB & Mother Lode Goldhounds Member while detecting at the last FMDAC hunt found the token for the FMDAC Convention's Hunt First Prize. The box held one Gold Coin, Cash, many very nice Silver Coins. Rick states the value is over \$400 in coins and cash. Good job Rick.



ground. It was a nice find.

Ann Costello, SVDB Member found a Gold Nugget that had been planted by a prior group at the GoldField Hunt



Good Job Lois - nice finds. The two Nuggets weight in at 1.1 grams.

Lois Wiese, SVDB Member found two Gold Nuggets each attached to a penny during the Saturday Morning Nugget hunt.

FMDAC Western Chapter Hunts- Lee Wiese



The FMDAC Western States Chapter

Foresthill, Ca Hunt is fast

approaching. The hunts are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 1st Labor day weekend. Hunt flyer's will be available at the next SVDB meeting or can be found at

<http://www.fmdac.org/hunts/treasurehunts.htm>

Great Southern Beach Shootout Report- Lee Wiese



This was the 5th Annual Daytona Shootout event and I have had the opportunity to be present at three of them.

Al Ezell also went along this year; it was his 2nd time at the Shootout. This event was the best so far although the number of silver coins found was less however, finding one of the top 50 tokens more than made up for the fewer silver coins. The token I found

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was number 35 so that mean I was number 35 in line to draw one of the 50 large envelopes.

When it came time for me to choose an envelope there were 15 remaining and the top prizes appeared to be gone so my expectations were not too high – maybe a Gold coin. But I got a surprise, my envelope contains the words 800 dollars. It was a very nice surprise and helped pay for the trip.

There were 160 plus hunters at the Daytona Shootout; a few more than past years; the limit is 200 hunters. They came mostly from the East but there were others from further away than Al and me. More can be found at their web-site:

<http://www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/>

There were four paid hunts and two free hunts. The free hunts were sponsored by Kelleyco @

<http://www.kelleycodetectors.com/> and

Dixie Metal detectors @ <http://www.dixiemetaldetectors.com/>

The free hunts were outstanding with lots of high quality token prizes.

There were 29 detectors given as prizes at the paid hunts starting with a Minelab Excalibur to a Garret 250 - a great variety of detectors. There were also door prizes, many silver rounds, 15 Gold Coins, Top cash \$5,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$800, etc. Also there were a large number of raffles you could enter for detectors and cash. All six hunts this year were great.

Al and I also spend a week hunting the Florida beaches. We spend 3 ½ days at Miami's South Beach and also at a number of other east coast Florida beaches. The coins were plentiful however, jewelry finds were very few.

Al found one Gold Band, Gold Bezel watch bad condition, very old Class ring and 5-6 silver rings. I managed to find 1,100 plus coins, two gold rings and two silver bands plus some misc. stuff.



Fmdac Legislation ALERT: - Lee Wiese

If you are into Gold Mining Dredging you may want to express you opinion on this California Bill. This bill has passed the assembly and is headed for the Senate. This might be the time to try and get the existing law changed.

Please read Bill carefully. See more at <http://www.fmdac.org>

California Bill AB 1032

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TOPIC: Dredging: closed

waters, http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_10011050/ab_1032_bill_20070430_amended_asm_v96.html

LOCATION: ASM. FLOOR

MOTION: AB 1032 WOLK Assembly Third Reading (PASS)

AB 1032 Bill Status: http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_1032&sess=CUR&house=B&author=wolk

California Chronicle:

<http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=25678>

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BILL NUMBER: AB 1032 AMENDED

BILL TEXT

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2007

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 16, 2007

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 27, 2007

INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Wolk

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 5653 of, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 5653.7 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to ~~aquatic species~~ fish and wildlife .

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1032, as amended, Wolk. Dredging: closed waters: native trout: aquatic and amphibian species.

Existing law prohibits the use of any vacuum or suction dredge equipment by any person in any river, stream, or lake of this state without a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game. Under existing law, it is unlawful to possess a vacuum or suction dredge in areas, or in or within 100 yards of waters, that are closed to the use of vacuum or suction dredges. The department is authorized to close areas otherwise open for dredging and for which permits have been issued if there is an unanticipated water level change and the department determines that closure is necessary to protect fish and wildlife resources.

The Trout and Steelhead Conservation and Management Planning Act of 1979 finds and declares that it is the policy of the state to establish and maintain wild trout stocks in suitable waters of the state and establish angling regulations designed to maintain the wild trout fishery in those waters by natural reproduction. The act requires the department to determine whether each stream or lake should be managed as a wild trout fishery, or whether its management should involve the planting of trout. The act states the intent of the Legislature that the Fish and Game Commission maintain a specified wild trout program.

Existing law also authorizes the commission to designate "Heritage

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Trout Waters" to recognize the beauty, diversity, historical significance, and special values of California's native trout, as defined.

This bill, until January 1, 2014, would close designated wild and heritage trout waters to suction dredging, except as authorized by permit approved by the commission. The bill would prohibit the commission from approving a permit unless it finds that the subject dredging operation will not be deleterious to certain species. The bill would authorize the department to close an area to dredging otherwise opened for dredging and for which a permit has been issued, without regard to water level, if the department determines that it is necessary to protect fish and wildlife resources, including native aquatic or amphibian species listed by the commission as endangered or threatened under the California Endangered Species Act, or species identified by the department as species of special concern.

On and after January 1, 2014, the bill would again authorize the department to close areas otherwise open for dredging and for which *permits* have been issued, if there is an unanticipated water level change and the department determines that closure is necessary to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. *It is the intent of the Legislature that the amendments to Section 5653.7 made by Assembly Bill 1032 of the 2007-08 Regular Session apply solely to suction dredging activities conducted for instream goldmining purposes, and, further, that those amendments not be construed to expand or provide new authority for the Department of Fish and Game to close or regulate dredging conducted for flood control or navigational purposes governed by other state or federal law.*

~~SECTION 1.~~ SEC. 2. Section 5653 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

5653. (a) The use of any vacuum or suction dredge equipment by any person in any river, stream, or lake of this state is prohibited, except as authorized under a permit issued to that person by the department in compliance with the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 5653.9. Before any person uses any vacuum or suction dredge equipment in any river, stream, or lake of this state, that person shall submit an application for a permit for a vacuum or suction dredge to the department, specifying the type and size of equipment to be used and other information as the department may require.

(b) Under the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 5653.9, the department shall designate waters or areas wherein vacuum or suction dredges may be used pursuant to a permit, waters or areas closed to those dredges, the maximum size of those dredges that may be used, and the time of year when those dredges may be used. If the department determines, pursuant to the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 5653.9, that the operation will not be deleterious to fish, it shall issue a permit to the applicant. If any person operates any equipment other than that authorized by the permit or conducts the operation in any waters or area or at any time that is not authorized by the permit, or if any person conducts the operation without securing the permit, that person is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) The department shall issue a permit upon the payment, in the case of a resident, of a base fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), as adjusted under Section 713, when an onsite investigation of the project size is not deemed necessary by the department, and a base fee of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130), as adjusted under Section

713, when the department deems that an onsite investigation is necessary. In the case of a nonresident, the base fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100), as adjusted under Section 713, when an onsite investigation is not deemed necessary, and a base fee of two hundred twenty dollars (\$220), as adjusted under Section 713, when an onsite investigation is deemed necessary.

(d) It is unlawful to possess a vacuum or suction dredge in areas, or in or within 100 yards of waters, that are closed to the use of vacuum or suction dredges, including, but not limited to, waters closed by the department pursuant to Section 5653.7.

~~SEC. 2.~~ SEC. 3. Section 5653.7 of

the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

5653.7. (a) Wild and heritage trout waters designated pursuant to Section 1727 or 7260 shall be closed to suction dredging, except as authorized by permit approved by the commission. The commission shall

not approve a permit unless it finds that the dredging operation will not be deleterious to wild trout and steelhead stocks, or to other native aquatic or amphibian species known to exist in the designated waters, that are listed under state or federal law as threatened or endangered or have been identified by the department as a species of special concern.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the department determines that it is necessary to protect fish and wildlife resources, including, but not limited to, native aquatic or amphibian species listed by the commission pursuant to Section 2070 or species identified by the department as species of special concern, the department may close areas that were otherwise opened for dredging and for which permits were issued pursuant to Section 5653.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.

~~SEC. 3.~~ SEC. 4. Section 5653.7 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

5653.7. (a) In the event of an unanticipated water level change, if the department determines that it is necessary to protect fish and wildlife resources, the department may close areas that were otherwise opened for dredging and for which permits were issued pursuant to Section 5653.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2014.

Silver and Gold Ring MarkingsBob Maytum

"SILVER" Rings are usually marked ".925" "SS" "Sterling" "Ster".

"GOLD" Rings are usually marked with "10k" "14k" "18k" "22k" "24k"

The higher the "k" number the more gold in the jewelry, and the softer the jewelry will be. I've had some people tell me that they thought it was the other way around, and the higher the number meant the least amount of gold in the jewelry.

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Now here we go with some more information on ring markings. The ring could be marked with more letters along with the letter "k". It could be marked with:

(G.F.) Gold Filled- The gold coating must be at least 1/20 of the total weight of the item.

(R.G.P.) Rolled Gold Plate- The same as gold filled, but the coating can be less than 1/20, usually 1/40 of the total weight.

(G.O.) Gold Overlay- This may be noted on rolled gold plate, if gold is over 1/20 total weight.

(G.E.) Gold Electroplate- A very thin gold plated skin is applied to the base metal. This layer can be as thin as 1/10,000 of an inch.

(H.G.E.) Heavy Gold Electroplate-The "skin" of gold is somewhat thicker, but still very thin.

I hope this helps clarify some of the mystery of the markings found on the inside of more valuable rings...Bob Maytum

As Yogi Berra said ""If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else."

Members are encouraged to submit tales of metal detecting, "how to" and other relevant information to the newsletter. Contact Don Dunn, Bob Harrison or other board members so we can hear your yarn and publish it in the newsletter.

