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Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

2010 Elected Officers

- President: John Duffy
Vice President: Paul Giese
Secretary: Don Dunn
Treasurer: Linda Woltman
2010 Volunteer Positions
Hospitallity: Al & Linda Woltman
Hunt Master: Paul Giese
Librarian: Tom Schweppe
Membership: George Magann
Newsletter Editor: Don Dunn
Newsletter Mailings: Rick & Sue Morris
Raffle Table: Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley
Web-Site Editor: Vince Migliore

November 4, 2010 SVDB Meeting Minutes

President's Report: John Duffy

- John welcomed new visitors; Eilene Tarrance, Ron Rule, Richard Gray, Bob Gray, Jerry Rhines, David Herbert, Teresa Johnson, Jack Meyers and Nancy Flagg to our SVDB meeting. Welcome to SVDB!
John called for a discussion and vote on where we will hold our 2011 SVDB monthly meetings (SMUD or VFW Hall). Al Woltman researched renting a VFW hall and presented information on it. Members voted on where to hold these meetings on the same ballot we used to vote for 2011 elected officers - The SMUD location won by close to a 2 to 1 margin.

Vice President's Report: Paul Giese

- Paul discussed the upcoming planted hunt at McBean Park on November 13th. This will be Paul's last time as Hunt Master. Assisting Paul at the hunt will be Charles Long - He is 1 of the 2 new Hunt Masters.

Secretary's Report: Don Dunn

- Don conducted the vote for 2011 Elected Officers. Assisting Don were; Bob Maytum, Sue Morris, Vince M, Bob Woods & Jake Workman - Thanks for helping! The 2011 Elected Officer's are shown on the left.
Don had a place on the ballot to vote for the raffle prizes to be included in our BIG December 2nd Raffle. See Pages 4 & 5 for a list of the over \$3,300 in GREAT Prizes we will be giving away. These prizes were based on members input. We will also auction off a new White's MXT Pro metal detector & extras!
Don announced what food to bring for the Pot Luck Feast on Dec 2nd: Last Names beginning with:
A through H - Bring Main Dish
I through P - Bring Salad or Appetizers
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- Don said that Barry Atkinson will be taking over the newsletter editor position in 2011. Thanks Barry!
Treasurer's Report: Linda Woltman (Not available)

Al Woltman gave this month's treasurer's report:
Beginning Balance \$2,640.40
Expenses 251.31
Income 1,286.50
Ending Balance \$3,675.59

Membership Report: George Magann

- George said we now have 169 members
We had 75 people at tonight's meeting.
Membership drawing winner was Al Woltman

Congratulations to SVDB 2011 Elected Officers



December 2010						
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Calendar Legend *SVDB Monthly Meetings*



McBean Park Hunt

Hunt Master Report: Paul Giese

- The November 13th planted hunt was held at McBean Park in Lincoln, CA. There were 45 people that attended Paul's great hunt! The weather was nice and nearly everyone went home with many clad coins and token prizes. Pictures from the hunt along with major prize winners are shown below. This was Paul's last hunt as Hunt Master – Job well done Paul!
- We also had a hands on metal detecting class for those that were new to the hobby, new to their detector or just needed overall help. We had 8 people that showed up (we expected 6) for the class and each person had an experienced club member helping them with their detectors. A few members brought extra detectors and **James from Baysavers** lent SVDB 3 *White's detectors* for students or others to use that didn't have detectors.....*Thanks James!*



Daniel Ynacay above, found a nice gold/diamond(?) ring while helping teach in the beginners detecting class.



Major Prize Winners at the McBean Park Hunt

Judy Wilson <i>Silver Watch</i>	Candy Workman <i>Necklace/Pendant</i>	Bob Meneely <i>Gold Nugget</i>
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All of the above prizes were donated by *Paul Giese*.
Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs



Thanks to everyone that helped *Don Dunn* teach the hands- on detector class for those who needed it. The instructors included: *John Duffy, Paul Giese, George Magann, Sharon Anderson, Bob Meneely, Daniel Ynacay, Chris Poulsen and Don Thurber...*
Great Job Instructing.....Don D

Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

• Tom was cruising the Caribbean in November and the library was in *James Neeley's* capable hands.

November 2010 Raffle Results:

• We received a nice **\$859** from the November raffle. Thanks to the team of *Mary Ann Meji, James Neeley* and *Joy Duffy* for selling tonight's raffle tickets!

• **David Sturdivant** (right) won tonight's 1/10 ounce Gold American Eagle coin. David also won a couple of silver dollars – his lucky night!



Again helping deliver the winning prizes was the smiling *Tina Miles* (left).

See you at the BIG December 2nd Meeting

• SVDB Meetings are and will continue to be held at the old SMUD Building in North Highlands. It's located at the intersection of SMUD Drive and Don Julio Blvd. The meeting is held in a large room facing Elkhorn on the **first Thursday** of each **month** and starts at **7:30 pm**. We meet close to where all the cars are parked in the SMUD parking lot near Elkhorn Blvd.

Day-In-The-Park Hunts:

• There are 3 day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first, second and third Sundays of each month. Sunday breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. More hunts are organized using **Meetup** The meeting places for the Sunday hunts are:

- ❑ 1st Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's Watt and Auburn
- ❑ 2nd Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Sunrise and Zinfandel Drive (2474 Sunrise Blvd)
- ❑ 3rd Sunday Hunt: Meet Pancake House at 21st & Broadway

Day-In-The-Park Hunt Results and Oldest Coin Winners: October 17th at Tahoe Park. 4 members found 95 coins. Oldest coin – 1952 Wheatie by *Kris Wilson*

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

• Nine members brought their great finds to the November meeting for everyone to see. **FOM** (Show & Tell) winner was the always lucky **Jake Workman**.



Selling Your Scrap Gold

by Lee Wiese, lee.01ca@yahoo.com

There are full page ads in many local newspapers and on the web about selling and buying scrap gold. Before leaping into selling your scrap gold there are a few things to consider.



The most important issue to consider before selling your scrap gold **is to determine the actual gold purity of your scrap gold**. This single criteria factor will determine what you get for your gold from a gold refiner minus their processing commission. You can pre-determine gold purity by purchasing gold testing solutions for 10K, 14K, 18K, 22K and you should also have an electronic scale.

Once you have the gold testing solutions all you need to do is follow some very simple instructions and test each piece for its purity and put each piece in a separate pile by its purity. Once you are done testing for purity the next step is to determine the weight of each purity group (10K, 14K, 18K, 22K) the weight factor for this analysis should be grams. With simple math and using the table below you can determine the actual gold content of each purity group. (Example: take purity weight (10K) times

Gold Purity Table:

Karat	Purity	Fineness
24K	100%	1.00
22K	91.66%	.917
18K	75%	.750
15K	62.50%	.625
14K	58.33%	.583
10K	41.67%	.417
9K	37.50%	.375

.417 fineness equals gold weight content for the 10K purity group). Do this calculation for each group. Summarize the purity weight of all the groups and divide by Troy ounce (31.10 grams). Your final weight will then be in Troy ounces.

Once you have completed the process above you now know the gold content of your scrap gold. Next, look up the spot price of gold. Multiply the gold weight (in Troy ounces) times the spot price and this is the value of the scrap gold based on the current market spot price. Remember the spot price for gold will change every minute.

Selling Your Scrap Gold (Continued)

Going though this process provides you with a good estimated value of your scrap gold. Now you are ready to sell with confidence and know in advance what you should expect from the transaction.

Be cautious about selling scrap gold to Cash for Gold Businesses. The return on the scrap gold will be much smaller (probably less than half of its value).

Lee's recommendation is to sell your scrap gold to a gold refiner rather than Cash for a Gold business. The return will be much higher and that is the ultimate goal. A refiner will usually only charge 2 – 5% but each refiner may have some specific rules to follow so check them out carefully.

By using a refiner there are a number of ways to get paid. Of course the first choice by many will be check, other methods are gold coins and gold / silver bars. Not all refiners will offer alternate methods of payments but some refiners will upon request

More on this subject can be found on my website at www.mdhtalk.org The refiner that I used can be found at www.aragold.com*Lee*

December 2, 2010 Meeting Pot Luck Feast, Raffle and Auction

Pot Luck Feast

Bring enough food to serve 6 to 8 people. Come early (7 pm) to set up your food. Names beginning with:

- A through H – Bring a Main Dish**
- I through P – Bring a Salad or Appetizers**
- Q through Z – Bring a Dessert**

Paper plates, plastics utensils and drinks will be furnished. Table decorations and set up will be done by *Cherri Peters, Barbara Anderton & John Hainlen.*



December 2009 Pot Luck

Dec 2nd Raffle & Auction Prizes

Est Cost \$	Item	How Many
\$800	Gold Coins 1/10 Ounce	*Min 5 Max 7
1,200	Silver Coins	*\$1,200 Min
210	Garrett Pro Pointer	2
0	White's MXT Pro (Auction) List Price \$900	1
400	CC Silver Dollar	3
123	GPS (Garmin eTrex HC) Color Handheld GPS	1
60	Free Annual Dues (Certificate)	2
150	Cash \$100 & \$50 Bills	2
60	Free Entry Annual Hunt (Certificate)	2
100	Coin Sets	12
110	SunRay Pro Gold Headphones	1
60	Minelab or Letche Diggers	2
10	20X Jeweler's Loupe	1
20	Combo Tools	2
\$3,313.00	Estimated Total Cost	

* Min amount shown – More gold & silver coins will be added dependent on how many raffle ticket are sold

Auction

SVDB was able to obtain a brand new *White's MXT Pro* metal detector at a very good price. Thanks go to *James McLennan of Baysavers* for assisting us with this purchase through *Jimmy Sierra of White's Metal Detectors*. It even includes a Whites Detector Bag & Headphones. We anticipate making at least \$100 on the auction on this MXT Pro. Bring your check books and bid on this great detector. **FYI - Baysavers** will also give SVDB members an *excellent discount* on any *White's detector* bought from now through Dec 31st.



MXT Pro Will be Auctioned on Dec 2nd
(Includes MXT Pro, Bag & Headphones)

Pictures of just a few of the Great Raffle Prizes



This Old House!

By Shane Clothier

My cousin moved into an old house a couple of years ago. I asked him if I could metal detect around it and he said no problem. When I arrived at his house, the first thing I noticed was that it was quite old. He said that it used to be a hotel back in the 1700's. This, of course, made me very anxious to get started.



After one hour and only a couple of wheat's and lots of trash, I took a break. I decided to concentrate my detecting in front of the building. This area looked untouched and very clean. Within two minutes I got a pulltab reading. Now, I am using a brand new White's that I am not used to, so I am digging every decent reading. Using a screwdriver, since it indicated only two inches, I made a half circle and hinged over the plug. Facing me is a reverse of a coin that I have never seen.

Excited, I flip the coin around to see an Indian's face smiling at me. I was so amazed! My first Indian head cent!

Later I found out that the 1875 is a semi-key date in the series. The coin still has great details and easily grades extra fine. The second picture is my first large cent. It is an 1817 I found late in the season this past year. There is still a lot of detecting area left at the old house. It's located in a very old town in eastern Pennsylvania.



1875 Indian Head Cent G-4 Type \$14.00 to EF-40 \$75.00



1817 Large Cent Coronet



Shane's first half dollar, a 1945-S, was found in a churchyard in Pennsylvania. Also found that day was a Mercury dime. Overall, a very good day in the silver department!



Hexy Maher Tells His Story

This 11 year old is off and running when it comes to metal detecting

I have been saving money to buy a good metal detector. I was finally able to buy a used (but still very nice) Whites XLT. I did not know where to go metal detecting, so I went to our back yard thinking I would find new pennies and dimes, but when I went out to metal detect, silver started to pop up.

I found 1 walking Liberty half, 2 silver Washington quarters, 2 silver Roosevelt dimes, 1 very worn buffalo nickel, 3 silver Jefferson nickels, seven wheat cents and piles of new coins. I have found some very odd things in our back yard as well including half a pair of a barber's scissors, a "P" with a lightning bolt through it, an old key and a huge round metal object that I use as stand to display some things I've found. I've gone out in my yard to metal detect several times after that and I usually always find something. Mostly it is newer pennies, but every once in awhile I find a wheat penny.

Hexy Maher Tells His Story (Continued)

Picture of Hexys' Coins



President's Diggin's

by John Duffy

It was with great pleasure that I attended our recent Club hunt at McBean Park in Lincoln. There was a terrific turnout – well over 40 members - and we had a beginner's learning session to kick off the event. Eight hunters were teamed with eight volunteer coaches to go into a marked area and use their detectors to locate and claim target coins. It is this kind of hands on helping each other that will insure the continued success of our club.

We are only a short time away from our December 2nd meeting and pot-luck Christmas feast.

Your Board members and key leaders have "cooked-up" a grand serving of raffle and auction items - even better than last year.



Check for details in another part of the newsletter, plan your food item to bring and clean up those coins you've been finding all year to bring for the raffle.

Fill those holes and keep on detecting..... *John*

The latest 401k



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Thanks for putting up with me the past 4 ½ years as your newsletter editor. It's been challenging, fun, exasperating (with MS Word) and rewarding.....Don

