

MDMDC Newsletter

A monthly publication of the recent activities and upcoming events of the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club

The April MDMDC club meeting had a very full agenda.

The new board took office with the following positions:

- President Jim Stockton
- Vice-President Miles Maynard
- Secretary Bobby Whitworth
- Treasurer Ken Housfeld
- Newsletter Editor David Grube

Mike Waters hosted the club hunt in March. There were a total of 28 detectorists, and the prizes consisted of many items including silver coins and 5 gold nuggets! In addition, Mike and Joy Walding donated several prizes. Thank you all for a great hunt!

The next official club hunt will be the Maxi-Hunt hosted by Ken Housfeld on May 15th at 10:00am at Concord Community Park. The "Fair Share Method" for prize distribution will be utilized. The hunt will cost \$40 per club member, and there will be a potluck lunch afterwards. Be sure to bring your own chairs and drinks, and food to share.

The annual Blind Camp event is scheduled for August 4th. We are expecting 50 participants this year, and all club members are invited to participate. The day will begin at 7:00am in Placerville. Please contact Jim Stockton for additional information.



The passing of the gavel



Another large attendance!

The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club's first dedication is to treasure hunting in all its forms and to use and enforce the treasure hunter's Code of Ethics. The second dedication is to community. We complete this dedication through the use of our trained Community Assistance Team and our support of the Blind Camp.



Jack presenting flowers to Janice and Sandy



Ray displaying a sifter / classifier

Special Presentations

One of the memorable moments of April's club meeting was Jack Gant presenting flower arrangements, skillfully assembled by his wife, to several of our club members in appreciation for their coaching, knowledge sharing, and support. Janice Cameron, Sandy Cameron, and Ray Romeo were the recipients of these beautiful bouquets. MDMDC president, Jim Stockton, commented that Jack's heartfelt gesture was a perfect example of what this club is all about.

Ray Romeo gave a presentation on various tools and techniques used to search for treasure at the Tonopah, NV dumps. He demonstrated sifters and classifiers, hand tools, and gave recommendations for protective clothing including boots, coveralls, eye protection, and face masks. The Tonopah trip is scheduled for May 25th - 30th, and all club members are welcome. Activities will include treasure hunting at the Tonopah dump and metal detecting in a few local ghost towns. Ray can be contacted at (510) 517-1595 if you would like more information.

A permit is required to use a metal detector in the Regional Parks. Use of metal detectors is limited to beach areas, lawns, and other developed park areas. Metal detecting is NOT allowed in natural parkland areas, wilderness areas, or regional preserves. There are other restrictions. For more information and to obtain a permit, please call the Reservations Department at 1-888-327-2757, option 2, 3. This \$20 permit is good for 2 years and is non-refundable.

Show and Tell!



As always, we enjoyed hearing about many impressive finds from several of our members.

April Meeting Winners!

Congratulations to Leo Church for winning the "Silver Dime" raffle! Since we had no winners in the previous few months, the total had accumulated to over \$300!

The grand prize raffle winners this month were George Galvin winning a 2 1/2 Pesos gold coin, and Rusty Watson taking home the top prize of the evening: a 5 Pesos gold coin valued at \$175!



Leo Church with his winnings, and his new best friend!



George showing off his new gold!



Rusty proudly displaying the grand prize!

The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Contra Costa Water District Office. The address is: 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, CA 94520.