“THE DIRTY DIGGER”

Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington
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Upcoming PTHC Events and news

May 11th, 2019 (2nd Saturday) – 8:00AM: Second Saturday Hunt. Meet at Denny’s on 128th, west of Interstate 5, South Everett.

May 15th, 2019 (3rd Wednesday) 7:30PM: Monthly club meeting. Everett Fire Fighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett. Doors open at about 6:45 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM

February 20 through August 21, 2019: Spring/Summer 2019 Scavenger Hunt. Mark Kulseth has done it again and launched another fun and challenging scavenger hunt. This time there are 92 items, so let’s see what you folks can do with that. See the March newsletter (or click here) for a list of items to be found and rules. Good luck and happy hunting!

Your 2019 PTHC CLUB DUES ARE DUE!!
Your yearly Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club membership dues are due January 1st, 2019. Please bring them to the next meeting or mail them to Lora Hetzel.

Upcoming Events other Clubs and Organizations

May 17-19, 2019 - The Wild, Wild West- 31st Treasure Hunt, Southeast Washington Association Treasure Hunters - Richland, Washington Once again, Kim Leverett and Tim Hockett are dedicated to putting on another spectacular hunt. There will be LOADS of silver, as well as gold and some VERY COOL prizes. Camping will be available on Friday and Saturday nights at the hunt site. For Info: Tim Hockett - thawkit423@gmail.com or Kim Leverett - dkin1det@dwwireless.net

June 14th, 15th, 16th 2019 - 47th Annual Treasure Hunt Northwest Treasure Hunters Club "Rock & Roll" For Information: Duncan Bell email: DuncanB73@gmail.com or Linda Scott email: Bottles1950@gmail.com NWTHC 2019 hunt flyer.pdf

July 20th, 2019 Cascade Silver Shoot (Save the date)


*October 19-20, 2019 Bedrock Prospector’s Gold Show 2019, Puyallup Fairgrounds

“Cookie Cutter Caper” hunt is in full swing in the Spring!
PTHC club member Jim Thompson has announced the second clue to the “Cookie Cutter Caper!” adventure hunt. Jim has hidden a cookie cutter (it looks like the aluminum gingerbread man cutter your mom used at Christmas in 1957) in a secret location and here are the first two clues to its whereabouts. Good luck and let me know if you find it.:  

Clue #1: “Shoreline, no boats, no seagulls. On 2nd Saturday Hunt we went to Seaview Park. I’m east of there. Barn.”

Clue #2: “On a 2nd Saturday hunt we went to Hillwood Park. I’m east of there. The barn has no silo.”
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club
Finds of the Month - April 17, 2019

**LAND**

**Oldest US Coin**
1. Mark J., 1888 Indian head cent
2. Ron A., 1889 V-nickel
3. John Q., 1892-O Barber dime
4. Mike K., 1896 Indian head cent

**Most Valuable US Coin**
1. Mark J., 1914-S wheatie
2. Ron A., 1914-S Barber dime
4. Randle R., 1896 Indian head cent

**Jewelry**
1. Randy R., 14k Diamond Ring
2. Dave Archer., Lord of the Rings gold ring
3. Woody A., 1979 Silver class ring
4. Mark J., Sterling pin

**Miscellaneous**
1. Mike K., Dragon Statue
2. Roy B., Edward VII coin
3. Walt E., 1907 fly rod handle
4. Jim T., Bicycle mirror

**WATER FINDS**

**Oldest U.S. Coin**
1. Woody A., 1909 Barber dime
2. Lloyd M., 1942 penny
3. Randy R., 1945 penny
4. Ron A., unknown date wheatie

**Most Valuable US Coin**
1. Woody A., 1922 Peace dollar
2. Walt E., 1962 Rosie dime
3. Randy R., Sacajawea dollar
4. Lloyd M., Quarter
4. Ron A., Quarter

**Jewelry**
1. Lloyd M., .925 Jerusalem pendant
2. Walt E., Vintage WA state ring
3. Woody A., Silver onyx ring
4. Mark J., .925 Jerusalem pendant

**Miscellaneous**
1. Lloyd M., Copper ring
2. Randy R., Metal elephant statue (Ganesh)
3. Rona A., Fishing weight
4. Walt E., electronic circuit board

**LAND OR WATER**

**Toys**
1. Roy B., Treasure chest
2. Pat S., Standard Oil truck
3. Gerig A., 1946 cap gun part
4. Kari D., Junior fire marshal badge

**Eyeball**
1. Richard S., Broken point of arrowhead
2. Kari D., Mason Jar porcelain lid liner
3. Tracy T., $5 bill
4. Ray D., Small “Japan” vase

**Ugliest coin**
1. Vaughan D., Tax token
2. Mike K., ugly cent
3. Ron A., zinc cent
4. Mark J., something really ugly

Thank you to this month’s judges:
Derek Routala and Vaughan Douglas

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**PTHC “FINDS ONLINE” PHOTO GALLERY LINK**

I have posted some photos that I took of our members displays, usually set out on the tables at the back of the room and some of the “Finds of the Month” entries at the April 17, 2019 PTHC club meeting. To take a look just click on [this link](#) and check them out. There are some pretty impressive items on display!

Thanks to all you intrepid treasure hunters who’ve shared your finds! ---Ray

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PTHC “Spring Hunt” was held on April 27, 2019 at Silver Lake in Everett. We had a great turnout of 19 “Hunters” plus family members. The hunt lasted about 45 minutes and the hunters and their favorite competition hunt metal detectors scooped up over $750 worth of coins, treasure and tokens for silver! The weather was lovely and the potluck and shared camaraderie was fun. Special “thank you’s” to David Label for sponsoring this year’s hunt and to Lora Hetzel and Kathy Routsala for helping keep things running smoothly and especially all those members who very generously contributed special items to be planted and found. It was a very fun and special event!! Click [here](#) for a couple of photos of the event (and if you have some send them to me and I’ll post them with the rest.).
Okay, we’ve all found something that we just can’t seem to figure out what the heck it is. We show it around, look online, ask a few folks then if that all that fails we chuck it in the bin with the rest of our mystery items or relegate it to the garbage can. Well here’s your chance to tap the collective knowledge of the broader PTHC community. Send me a photo or two of your mystery object along with a description and I will try to put it in this section of a future newsletter.

And for all you amateur artifact sleuths who think you have an idea of what the featured object is, please email or text me (206-930-0903) with whatever thoughts or comments spring to mind. I’ll accept pretty much any opinion whether well proven, documented or undocumented, hypothetical or highly questionable and share them at the next meeting or future newsletter.

So, here is the first item in this little adventure (click here for a larger photo). It was found early April by PTHC member Randy Routala while fresh water hunting with member Ben Trower. It appears to be made of brass and measures about 2 ½ inches by 2 ½ inches. The script is stamped in relief and that’s about all we know about it.

So far the opinions are that it is a: 1) Cyrillic Sudoku puzzle 2) business card from a close encounter of the third kind or 3) a breast plate amulet dropped by a Whitewalker deserter from the Battle of Winterfell (from a “Game Of Thrones” fan, obviously.) If none of these sound quite right to you then fire up your laptop, do your research and share your wisdom! Happy hunting!

In case you missed it “National Coin Week” was officially celebrated April 21–27, 2019. Part of the celebration was “The Great American Coin Hunt”

To celebrate National Coin Week (April 21-27), more than 200 members of the group Coin Dealers Helping Coin Dealers will place thousands of old coins — from century-old Indian Head and early Lincoln cents to vintage silver dimes and quarters and older paper money — into circulation. To learn more, visit www.greatamericancoinhunt.com or search #GreatAmericanCoinHunt on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or visit https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week.

Also, The US Mint recently announced that 10 million quarters with the “W” mint mark of the West Point Mint would be released into circulation at random. These are the first quarters to feature a "W" mint mark and they are comparatively rare—less than 1% of all 2019-dated quarters will have the “W” mint mark. For more information and photos of the “W” coins click here for the National Mint press release.
Coins to be found (04/29/19)

Quarters from previous years:
American Samoa P / Virgin Island P / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / Acadia P / Hawaii Volcanoes P / International Peace Memorial P / White Mountain P / Great Smokey Mountains Nat. Park P / New York Fort Sumter National Monument Site P / Frederick Douglas National Historic Site in the District of Columbia P

New 2018 Quarters:
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore P / Voyageurs National Park P / Cumberland Island National Seashore P & D / Block Island National Wildlife Refuge P & D

Sacagawea Dollars:

Presidential Dollars*:
*no further new ones unless a former president of the US dies. Rules: Coins must be found using a metal detector.

Please call or text Ray Desy at 206-930-0903 or email at raymond4982@gmail.com if you find one of these and claim your prize at the next monthly meeting!