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NewsLetter

Club dues for the year need to be paid for you to participate in club events, finds of the month, scavenger hunts, club "member only" hunts, second Saturday hunts and show for the



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February meeting was called to order by Ron, at 7:30pm.

Welcome Guest: John Johnson, and Dave (relative of Dave Label's). Welcome new member Dave MacNeil.

St. Patty Day Hunt at Pilchuck Park in Snohomish - Members only hunt will be held April 18th at 10:30 am, 9:30 am for planting. If the park is not reopened by April 4th, another location will be selected and announced either on the websites or at the meeting in April. This hunt is \$5.00 for members only.. A potluck will be held after the prizes handed out.

Junefest 2009 will be held on June 6th at the Stanwood fairgrounds, Stanwood, WA. (See page 6)

March meeting we will be having another special competition, Bring your "lucky Charm" items that you have found while metal detecting over the years. We will vote for our favorite display of lucky charms... (example: 4 leaf clover, rabbits foot, horseshoe, Italian horn, etc.. If your interested in bringing a treat to share that would be great, Ron & Lora are bringing a veggie tray.

Second Saturday hunt was explained by David L. and asked members to remember to fill their holes! Feb., 14th Sat. hunt 12 members showed and George Paquette with find of hunt a Kennedy half.

Ron will review the by-laws for compliance. Thanks to Feb. Find of the month judges, Jack Lane and Randy Ruotsala. Show for the dough was won by Mike M.

Prizes were handed out for the guessing games we had, Thanks to Jim Thompson for helping gather items for the games. Gift cards were handed out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for your favorite "heart's". Thanks to all that brought in all the great desserts and help in cleaning up the hall afterwards. Please remember to help wipe down tables and counters if need be.

Missed Stan, Get better soon...

Next meeting March 18th, 7:30 pm

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Club Information

Club Meetings: Next meeting March 18th

Club Meetings are held at the Everett Fire Fighters' Hall at 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett, WA. Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of July. There is no meeting in July. Doors open at 7 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

At the meetings club business is conducted, events planned and there is a monthly Finds of the Month competition open to current club members. Prizes are awarded for the items judged best of the entries. Items entered into the competition must have been found with the aid of a metal detector between the previous meeting and that night's meeting.

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DUES:

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest.

Persons or families joining the club must pay a one time application fee of \$5. Dues for individuals 16 years or older are \$20 per year.

A Family Membership is available for a husband and wife or single parent for \$25.00 per year which also includes their dependent children 15 years and younger.

The reason that a 16 year old child isn't included is because of our By-Laws. A 16 year old member can be elected to hold office.

"Lifetime Memberships" are also available "Individual Lifetime Membership" at \$200.00 and "Senior's Lifetime Membership" (65 years and older) at \$60.00.

Yearly dues are due January 1st and new members dues will be prorated beginning April 1st, on a quarterly basis.

Hunt Donations

Donations for the club hunts will be accepted any time before the meeting, break time and after the meeting.

Also I'm starting a new donation container for any coins, tokens and misc. small items for planted hunts to help out in theme hunts.

Check at the next meeting or see Lora



Upcoming Events:



SECOND SATURDAY HUNT: March 14th, 2009

Dave Label, VP is the Chairman for this hunt

The club Holds a Second Saturday Hunt on the second Saturday of every month with the exception of July. Members meet at 8 AM at the Denny's in South Everett, WA just to the West of Interstate 5 at the 128th St. Exit. During breakfast, a hunt location is decided and items are selected to find during the hunt. Club members who find items on that list will be awarded prize(s) at the next regular club meeting. Note a member must actually attend the scheduled hunt that day to be awarded any prize(s).

No exceptions will be made to this rule. Note: There is no second Saturday in July.

This is a members only event.



The Saint Patrick's Day Hunt

- This is a members only planted hunt, April 18th, 2009 at the Pilchuck Park in Snohomish. If park is not opened by April 4th another location will be selected and announced on the website and meeting before.

■ Swath Hunt

Southeast Washington Association of Treasure Hunters, 21st Treasure Hunt. May 8-10, 2009 Richland, WA More information click on link to website or email pakman1956@aol.com

■ JuneFest Hunt

This is a planted hunt open to all that pays admission to hunt. June 6th, 2009 at Stanwood Fairgrounds, Stanwood, WA. More information to come.

■ NTHC "3 Amigos" Hunt

Northwest Treasure Hunters Club 37th Annual Treasure Hunt June 19, 20 and 21st, 2009. Farragut State Park, Athol, ID For information contact Duncan Bell 1-208-687-1570

■ Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt

This is a members only planted hunt, this will be in Sept., more information to come.

GPAA Gold Prospectors Show

March 21, 2009 - March 22, 2009

Location: Puyallup Fair & Events Center Expo Hall

Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Lectures begin at 11am

Gold Panning Contest: Noon, Lectures: 1-3

Admission: \$5 Under 12: FREE

<http://www.goldprospectors.org/events/goldshows/>

Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

- I Will respect private property and will not treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- I Will Not destroy private property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I Will Not litter and will pick up any trash that I dig up or find on the **ground** while treasure hunting.
- I Will leave gates as found.
- I Will Not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I Will fill all excavations that are made while treasure hunting.
- I Will Not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.
- I Will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I Will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
- I Will protect my hobby, and always act as a goodwill ambassador.

PILCHUCK TREASURE HUNTING CLUB:

Finds of the Month



LAND

WATER

Oldest U.S. Coin

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. 1929 Cent | Howard Ratcliff | 1. 1944 Penny | Randy Ruotsala |
| 2. 1946 Nickel | Randy Ruotsala | 2. | |
| 3. 2006 Cent | Ken Turner | 3. | |
| 4. | | 4. | |

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. 1945 Merc. | Howard Ratcliff | 1. 1941S Quarter | Randy Ruotsala |
| 2. 1961 Dime | Randy Ruotsala | 2. | |
| 3. 1998 Quarter | Judy Turner | 3. | |
| 4. | | 4. | |

Jewelry

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|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Silver Bracelet | Randy Ruotsala | 1. 14K Gold Ring | Randy Ruotsala |
| 2. Silver Ring | Jack Lane | 2. | |
| 3. Silver Ring | David Label | 3. | |
| 4. Silver Earring w/ Stone | Lora Hetzel | 4. | |

Miscellaneous

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|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Canadian Cent | Howard Ratcliff | 1. 2 new pence | Randy Ruotsala |
| 2. Toy Gun | Randy Ruotsala | 2. | |
| 3. | | 3. | |
| 4. | | 4. | |

Toys (Land & Water)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tootsie Bus | Jack Lane |
| 2. Truck | Ron Hetzel |
| 3. Race Car | Randy Ruotsala |
| 4. Jeep | Howard Ratcliff |

Top 4 Favorite Finds of Month





Keep a look out for the following coins

Must be found with detector

State Quarter yet to be found:

Missouri	P	N. Dakota	P	Oklahoma	P	DC	P&D
Wyoming	P	Utah	P	New Mexico	P		
Arizona	P	Alaska	P	Hawaii	P&D		

President Dollars waiting to be found

Jefferson	P	Monroe	P		
Adams	P	Madison	P		
Andrew Jackson	P&D	Martin Van Buren	P & D		
John Q Adams	P&D	Wm Harrison	P & D		

2009 DC & Territories Quarters P & D



2009 Penny P & D



Contact Ron Hetzel if you found a coin on the list, the first one that has the coin will win a silver coin for finding it.

Ron Hetzel at

pilchucktreasurehunts@yahoo.com

or call 425-931-5907 and leave a message.

OLD BUSINESS:

Due to weather we have in the past months the club has decided that the meeting will be called off if the "Everett Public School System" is closed due to weather. You would be able to find this on our [website](#), radio stations "[Kiro](#)" or "[Komo](#)" and the school website.

If a club member is interested in adding something to the newsletter please contact me at pilchucktreasurehunts@yahoo.com. I have added hyperlinks to items of the newsletter you will be able to select most items that is underlined it will take you to a website or email address if you are reading this as a PDF.

Stan has a gold testing kit available for questionable gold or platinum items, contact him at the meeting via club [website](#).

JUNEFEST 2009:

JuneFest date is slated for June 6th, 2009 at the Stanwood Community Fairgrounds in Stanwood, WA.

Junefest is a one day event open to all, Rain or Shine.

We all share in a potluck at lunch time between the hunts. .

More information and flyers will be posted in the next month or so on the websites.

email us at pilchucktreasurehunts@yahoo.com to get your name on a mailing list...

Lora Hetzel is the Hunt Chairman for the yearly hunts held by the club. Lora has formed a committee to help out in this task, so if you would be interested in helping in the planning and coordinate please contact Lora at pilchucktreasurehunts@yahoo.com or 425-931-5907.

We held a meeting Thursday, 26th, 2009, members that showed up were: Andrew E, Randy R, Ron H, Howard R, Ken T and Lora H. We hammered out a bit on the format of the hunt, went over 2008 show outline and budget. We will have another meeting on March 12th, 2009 at 6:30 at Andrew Elston's house. If you need the address please contact me before the meeting and I will give it to you.

